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EMERGING MELBOURNE STARS



The enthusiasm of youth! Celebrations by Sunshine George Cross' stars Gary Hasler (left), David Clarkson and Derek Hunter. Photo by JOE MONTEMURRO.

Tyrrells Wines sponsorship — and a

Superstar for Sydney Croatia

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY Croatia will signal that it has stepped right back into the limelight when superstar Blaz Sliskovic takes the field at Sydney's Croatia Sports Centre against Apia Leichhardt next Sunday.

Sliskovic, rated one of the best players to turn out for an Australian club, will be making the first of six guest appearances.

In his distinguished career he has turned out 450 times for Hajduk Split, as well as representing Yugoslavia in 50 international matches.

Added to that he has also appeared in the famous colours of leading French outfit Marseille, the Italian First Division



BLAZ SLISKOVIC — appearing for Sydney Croatia on Sunday against Apia Leichhardt — 2-0 conquerors of South Melbourne Hellas yesterday.

club Pescara, as well as with Socceroo star Eddie Krncevic at Mulhouse in France.

Sliskovic is an extremely gifted midfielder, with a second-to-none reputation as a free-kick specialist.

His appearance is certain to result in one of the season's biggest crowds turning out on Sunday.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina, said: "The great Sliskovic's appearance will add a further dimension to our team, which is now coming into its own."

"We faced a demanding task to rebuild after the sudden loss of stars such as Graham Arnold, David Seal, Mark Jones, Wally Savor and Alan Hunter.

"In addition, we

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ASW — THE ONLY SOCCER NEWSPAPER COVERING AUSTRALIA EACH WEEK

Melb Croatia v Marconi the pick of Round 9

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

A derby at Wollongong, South Melbourne v Preston Macedonia, and the Melbourne Croatia v Marconi clash, head an exciting QNSL round this weekend.

Co-tenants Wollongong Macedonia and Wollongong City meet for the first time in the National League at Brandon Park on Sunday.

An inspired City will go into the game as hot favourites, after knocking off title aspirants Marconi and Melbourne Croatia in recent matches on the same ground.

The Wolves, who should welcome David Skeen and Pat Brodnik back from suspension, drew first blood when they ousted Macedonia from the NSL Cup last Wednesday.

Macedonia coach John Fleming has the added problem of finding a potent attacking force, as his charges are yet to win at home and have failed to find the net at Brandon Park this season.

Grant Bard has however been signed, and that could be a big plus on the day.

The Wolves, with Charlie Yankos leading a solid defence, and Jason Oldridge adding a new dimension up front, should be too strong for their co-tenants and take the points.

Preston's poor away record could continue when they travel across town to meet South Melbourne at Middle



David Lowe in full flight. He will be a key player for Marconi when they travel to Melbourne Croatia for the big one this weekend.

Park.

The visitors will be bolstered by the return from suspension of ace midfielder Oscar Crino.

However, away from home, Preston are yet to pick up a point, and have scored only twice away from their home turf.

Souths down the years have been marginally superior than their visitors on Sunday, and with nine goals in their last three starts at Middle Park, should chalk up their fourth straight win at home.

Perhaps the match of the round could be the Melbourne Croatia v Marconi encounter at Somers Street.

While Marconi have returned to something like championship winning form, Melbourne Croatia have stumbled of late, with a string of poor results.

Away from home, however, Marconi have been inconsistent, while Croatia still hold a 100%

record at home, banging in eight goals in three victories.

Despite being without a win over Marconi in three years, Croatia will be determined to continue their unblemished record at home.

However a draw appears likely.

Apia's new lease of life could continue, when they travel across town to meet Sydney Croatia.

With their shock win over leaders South Melbourne yesterday, Apia can breathe a little easier.

With John McQuarrie ruling the midfield and Darren Stewart showing a return to form, Apia will be confident at Croatia.

Tony Lemezina and Paul McFadden again found the net, as they did in the Cup last week, and with Rod Brown not yet fit, coach Manfred Schaefer will rely heavily on these two front men.

Croatia expect one of the season's biggest crowds for the debut appearance of the highly talented Blaz Sliskovic.

The move by Croatia to bring such talent to this country is commendable and for six guest appearances, the fans should get value for money.

At home Croatia remain unbeaten and

although Apia have won only three of the 14 matches between the two sides a draw seems likely on Sunday.

A goal feast looks on the cards when Sydney Olympic play host to the exciting Sunshine at St George Stadium.

George Cross have conceded 13 goals in their last three matches away from home while Olympic have been promising to score an avalanche of goals recently.

For Olympic, stalwart Kevin Hagan could make a welcome return from injury, but the champions have not won at home since Round 1.

Georgie have beaten Olympic only once in eight matches and a high scoring draw could be the result on Sunday.

Adelaide City should go into their clash with St George as slight favourites at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Saints have failed to win away this season, while City have picked up three straight draws on their home patch.

Sergio Melta should return from suspension for a City side that bounced the Saints out of the Cup, just a week ago.

City should win narrowly and continue their slow climb up the ladder.

Heidelberg travel to Melita Stadium this weekend to meet Parramatta Melita for the first time.

The Bergers have not won away since Round 1, but should have Chris Iliopoulos back from suspension.

The Eagles caretaker coach Roberto Vieri must reverse a worrying trend, as Melita are yet to pick up a point at home to date this season, and have conceded nine goals in three defeats.

Melita should take the spoils and relieve a little of the pressure at the bottom of the table.

ASF/NSL restructures

BY KEITH GILMOUR



and the Kerry Packer initiative brought that sport back from its death throes.

The Coopers and Lybrand Report, into which Graham Bradley had a marked in-



ON December 8, the states which control the Australian Soccer Federation have the opportunity of a lifetime to begin putting the sport's house in order.

Constitutional changes will lead to a modern management structure, and to a direct vote in national affairs going to the National Soccer League.

States and NSL clubs will then be able to make applications for their ASF and NSL representation, and new commissioners will be appointed.

In the past a far flung 17 man executive committee was needed to keep the ship afloat...if that is the correct term.

The chief executive will have the ASF general secretary, NSL general manager, national coach, national assistant coach, marketing officer, national director of coaching and development officer as extensions of the management team.

Light years, we can expect, ahead of the situation that prevailed only a few months ago.

To that will be added a project manager to handle arrangements for the 1993 World Youth Cup, to be contested in Australia, see advertisement in this issue of ASW.

The commissioners will be charged with the vital task of building an upgraded national competition.

The Bradley Report has already led existing NSL clubs to start shoring up their weaknesses — a most desirable trend.

Under certain past guidelines, apparently designed to have a mainly Melbourne-Sydney set up, the game has languished in some departments.

World Series cricket

KB Austral will have the expanding club and ground — all their own property — working overtime at its Birmingham Gardens location.

Already a senior Apia official has conceded: "One alternative for us is to move in with Marconi and form a super club."

Over the years, in the case of certain clubs, crowds have fallen from a claimed over 20,000 to 15,000 and so on, to 1,500 or less.

Examples need not be fleshed out so as to refrain from hindering many hard working present day officials, but we believe that anyone who has been in the game down the years would be able to instance them in both Sydney and Melbourne.

Reform must include regionalisation, provided the quality is proved in advance.

Look at rugby league's extension into Brisbane, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Wollongong, Campbelltown and Canberra, you Soccerites, and learn from it.

In August we quoted management authority, Ernst Drucker, and his words bear repeating.

"Unless objectives are converted into action, they are not objectives, they are dreams."

The time has arrived for the states and clubs to stand up and be counted, with the authority already given to the ASF and NSL to proceed with the restructuring.

When the NSL has to re-sign its QUIT sponsorship, or look for a replacement, there is no questioning it will need to have a national and as strong a competition as humanly possible right in place.

Any other situation would prove to be unmitigated disaster.

put, saw rugby league turned around into a modern spectator sports machine.

If anyone believes that the Bradley Report cannot lead soccer football out of its dungeon, then it can well be held that the game has no future in Australia.

Due regard must be given to the standing of present clubs, but some marked weaknesses cannot be glossed over.

Dr Bradley told ASW: "The number of rugby league clubs that are in poor financial condition have halved since their report was brought into effect."

What a blessing a similar situation would be for soccer!

Already the criteria for clubs — playing and crowd strength, suitable ground facilities, financial stability, management and promotion, junior development etc — have been outlined.

The Brisbane, Newcastle or Canberra etc clubs applying will have to meet very serious guidelines indeed.

A well conceived Brisbane entry will enable the potential of the licensed club at Perry Park to be turned into a bonanza. Similarly, Newcastle

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Marconi back on top

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

AN emphatic 4-1 hammering of reigning champions Sydney Olympic lifted Marconi-Fairfield to the head of the table in a fast-paced exciting encounter in front of over 7000 fans at Marconi Stadium last night.

Marconi certainly looked the goods, turning on an inspired display of deadly attacking football which simply tore Olympic apart.

Both Ian Gray and Jean-Paul de Marigny should have got Marconi off to a sensational start when they missed the target from good positions inside the first 90 seconds.

That frenetic pace was maintained for much of the first period with Marconi perhaps having the better goal-scoring chances.

Mark Jones had a goalbound header cleared off the line by Robbie Hooker after 10 minutes, then a nice fluent move involving Jones and de Marigny finished with a John Markovski header looping just over the bar four minutes later.

Olympic, on the other hand, were struggling to fashion out any worthwhile chances although Robbie Ironside did burst through the middle of a hesitant Marconi defence to force a good save out of keeper Bobby Catlin.

Marconi's overall midfield dominance finally paid dividends with half an hour gone after Soccerooo dynamo Tommy McCulloch latched on to a loose ball on the edge of the area and hammered a right foot shot past a helpless Clint Gosling to give his side the lead.

Marconi coach Berti Mariani's decision to leave veteran striker Zlatko Nasteovski on the bench in an effort to add steel to his midfield appeared to be paying dividends as his team dictated much of the engine room action.

Olympic were still well in the game, however, and the contest was poised on a knife's edge as the teams went in at half-time.

With Ian Gray under an injury cloud before the match Mariani replaced him at the start of the second half with elegant ball player Peter Katholos but this did not affect the slick moving Marconi machine in the slightest.

In fact, they went further ahead on the hour from a harsh penalty decision.

McCulloch put young David Seal on his way



IAN GRAY

with a beautifully measured pass inside the area and looked set to punish Olympic when he was pulled down by Robbie Hooker, giving McCulloch the perfect chance to notch his second of the night and virtually guarantee Marconi pride of place on top of the ladder.

Olympic even wasted a heaven sent opportunity to claw its way back into the game eight minutes later when they were awarded a dubious penalty after Steve Calderan clashed with Jason Bennett, but Hooker's timid shot was easily held by Catlin.

To rub salt into Olympic's wound, Katholos conjured up a deadly ball into the path of Seal 12 minutes from the end, and the youngster took his time before coolly slotting in Marconi's third.

Steve Refenes grabbed a consolation goal for Olympic five minutes from time but John Markovski put the icing on the cake for Marconi by steering in the fourth in the dying seconds.

MARCONI: Catlin 7, Wheatley 7, de Marigny 7, Calderan 8, Okon 7, Gray 8 (Katholos 45m 7), McCulloch 8, Jones 8, Seal 8, Markovski 8, Lowe 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 7, Barrett 8, Hooker 8, Spyridakos 8, Bernal 8, Hristodoulou 8, Lee 5 (Phillips 75m), Ironside 8, Bennett 5, Ollerenshaw 5 (Sorras 71m), Refenes 6.

SCORERS: McCulloch 30m and 59m (pen), Seal 77m, Markovski 90m for Marconi; Refenes 90m for Olympic.

YELLOW CARDS: Hristodoulou 22m, Bennett 28m for Olympic; Jones 48m, Wheatley 56m for Marconi.

REFEREE: J. Fraser 6. **CROWD:** 7210.

Live NSL phone cover

Information Dialling Service, in conjunction with the National Soccer League, wish to advise the games that will be covered live on the 0055 Soccer Information Service.

These games will be professionally broadcast on the live commentary 0055 numbers. The games will be featured on either 0055 21150 for Sydney and Wollongong games, and 0055 21151 for games played in Melbourne or Adelaide.

The service is designed to keep supporters up to date with all the action when their team is playing an away game.

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 0055 21150 | MELITA EAGLES | vs HEIDELBERG UTD 6PM | |
| 0055 21151 | MELBOURNE CROATIA | vs MARCONI 6PM | |
| ROUND 10 9.12.90 | | | |
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| 0055 21151 | ADELAIDE CITY | vs MARCONI 6PM | |
| ROUND 12 23.12.90 | | | |
| 0055 21150 | NO GAME | | |
| 0055 21151 | MELBOURNE CROATIA | vs ADELAIDE CITY 6PM | |
| ROUND 13 30.12.90 | | | |
| 0055 21150 | SYDNEY CROATIA | vs HEIDELBERG UTD 7PM | |
| 0055 21151 | STH MELBOURNE | vs MARCONI 6PM | |

* PLEASE NOTE THAT GAMES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



John MacQuarrie (Apia) and Mehmet Durakovic in an aerial duel at Lambert Park yesterday — STEVE GOSCH photo.

Woeful Wolves bite the dust

BY LEN CHAFER

WOLLONGONG City gave a woeful display to lose against Adelaide City by 2-0 at Brandon Park yesterday.

Both goals for the victors came midway through the second half, supplied by Aurelio Vidmar in the 60th minute and Ernie Tapai in the 71st minute.

A flat-footed Wolves defence allowed the ball to lob over the top for Vidmar to beat the offside trap and round the stranded keeper George Bouhoutsos to net the opener 15 minutes into the second half.

Adelaide netted again in the 71st minute when Charlie Yankos failed to clear the ball and Tapai seeing Bouhoutsos off his line, cleverly put the ball over the keeper from 25 metres out.

The first half was a dull affair with only two worthwhile strikes on goal, one by Zivko Hristovski in the 11th minute, but his shot from 20 metres went sailing over the bar.

Adelaide's Aurelio Vidmar came closer to scoring, when his shot from 25 metres just went over the upright, leaving the sides deadlocked at the break.

The second half began with Wollongong raiding down the right flank but the Adelaide defence held firm.

In the 55th minute Hristovski put Lloyd away on the right wing but his ground shot went just wide of the far post.

From then on Adelaide City took over the proceedings and scored two goals in the 60th and 71st minutes.

Just before Adelaide's second goal, Frank Bate for Wol-

longong missed two easy chances when in the six yard box.

The first in the 65th minute was after Hristovski sent in a long free kick from the right but Bate took too long and the ball was cleared.

Three minutes later Bate headed over the top from two metres after Paul Farmer had sent over a beautiful cross from the right.

Adelaide were finding their men with ease as the gaps opened up in the midfield.

Wollongong City was guilty of giving too much ball away when in possession.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos 4, Green 7, Hollifield 8, Morlando 5, Yankos 5, Lloyd 5, Cahut 5, Hristovski 4, Bate 5, Oldridge (Farmer 25m 5), Cellini 6 (McEvoy 82).

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabi-ca 7, Shillabeer 5, T Vid-mar 6, Ivanovich 6, Tobin 6, Villani 7, Tapai 8, Csoboth 6, Mullen 6, Maxwell 6, A Vidmar 7.

SCORERS: A Vidmar 60m, Tapai 71m for Adelaide City.

YELLOW CARDS: Hollifield 30m (WC); Tapai 34m, Csoboth 86m, Mullen 64m (AC).

REFEREE: R Lorenc 7. **CROWD:** 2053.

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Marconi..... | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 5 | 12 |
| South Melbourne..... | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 11 |
| Preston..... | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 10 |
| Melbourne Croatia..... | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 14 | 10 |
| Wollongong City..... | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Sydney Croatia..... | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| Adelaide City..... | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| Heidelberg United..... | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| Apia Leichhardt..... | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 7 |
| Parra Melita..... | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 7 |
| Sydney Olympic..... | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| Sunshine GC..... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 21 | 6 |

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| St George..... | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 5 |
| Wollongong Macedonia..... | 8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 4 |

Results

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Lemezina, McFadden) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2185.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Ketsakidis) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Popovic) at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 3000.
ST GEORGE 1 (Moffitt) PARRAMATTA MELITA 2 (Cerro, Brown) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1618.
WOLLONGONG CITY 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A. Vidmar, Tapai) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2053.
HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Cannell) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Biskic) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 4500.
MARCONI 4 (McCulloch 2, Seal, Markovski) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Refenes) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 7210.
PRESTON 2 (Markovac, Zinni) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4000.

CROWDS

ROUND 8: 24,566
AVERAGE PER GAME: 2,509
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 180,542
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 22,567

TOP SCORERS

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| DAVID SEAL (Marconi) | 6 |
| WARREN SPINK (Preston) | 6 |
| GREG BROWN (Parra Melita) | 5 |
| TONY KRSLOVIC (St George) | 5 |



PROJECT MANAGER

INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT

The Australian Soccer Federation wishes to appoint a Project Manager for the staging in Australia of the 1993 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIFA COCA-COLA CUP.

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South Melbourne goalkeeper Bruce Maclaren saves this Apia shot last Sunday. Apia beat the leaders 2-0. STEVE GOSCH photo.

Bergers in dour draw

BY GREG BLAKE

HEIDELBERG and Melbourne Croatia turned on a dour, physically demanding struggle which ended with points shared in a 1-1 draw at Olympic Village yesterday.

Melbourne Croatia, alleged to be wracked with internal strife, could be satisfied with the away point after playing the final 51 minutes of the game with only 10 men.

Croatia lost striker Joe Caleta six minutes prior to half-time when

he was sent off after a late tackle on Heidelberg substitute Peter Bordignon.

But the Caleta incident was only one of a number which marred the match.

Five players were booked and a sixth, Heidelberg's Phil Stubbins, was fortunate to stay on the field after a second half incident involving Melbourne Croatia defender Alan Davidson.

Stubbins' good fortune was Heidelberg's good fortune in that the powerful midfielder

played a key role in getting Heidelberg back into the match.

Heidelberg, which had been lucky to stay on terms after Mark Talajic had hit the woodwork in the 27th minute, finally went behind to 10-man Croatia seven minutes after half-time.

Again it was the bullocking form of Talajic who was the danger man as his barnstorming run set up the match opener for Josip Biskic who scored on the turn from the edge on the six-yard box.

Heidelberg's man of the match, Gary Bratten, a defender turned midfielder for Sunday's game, nearly levelled for the Bergers on the hour with a 35-metre drive which went low and hard against the near post woodwork.

Two minutes later the home side finally struck for a deserved equaliser when Stuart Cannell made it 1-1 from the penalty spot after Stubbins had been clipped from behind by a defender as he ran into the penalty area.

The result left neither camp satisfied.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, Kanesoulis 7, Bratten 8, McDowell 7, Cannell 7, Scott (Bordignon 17m, 8) Stubbins 7, Herd 6, Stevenson 5, Goutzioulis 5, Carter 6.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 7, Davidson 5, Marth 7, Selemidis 6, Hannah 7, Talajic 7, Milosevic 6, Biskic 6 (Kelic 87m) Duzel 3 (Awaritete 49m), Donnelly 7, Caleta (sent off 42m).

YELLOW CARDS: Cannell 6m, Herd 8m, Stubbins 53m for Heidelberg; Marth 44m for Melbourne Croatia.

SCORERS: Cannell pen. 62m for Heidelberg; Biskic 52m for Melbourne Croatia.

REFEREE: J. Santa-Isabel 7.

CROWD: 4,500 approx.

Big derby win to Melbourne

BY JOHN MANGAN

THE first-ever Macedonian derby in the Quit National Soccer League resulted in a 2-0 victory to Preston Makedonia as they gave visitors Wollongong Macedonia a lesson in sharp attacking at Connor Reserve.

Nevertheless the visitors were only 1-0 down and still in the game until three minutes from the end when the home team scored the goal that sealed the points.

In fact, Wollongong Macedonia, currently propping up the table were desperately unlucky not to equalise at that point when Darren Wilson hit the woodwork and striker Grant Bard followed up with a shot which was deflected at point-blank range by Preston goalkeeper Phil Traianedes.

Robert Markovac was the key to the home side's victory, scoring their first goal and setting up the second.

"Both teams were a bit slack in the first half after the festivities to celebrate the derby," said Preston Makedonia boss John Gardiner after the game.

"Then in the second half we both picked up and I thought the back four played exceptionally well. We handled everything they had to offer.

"We've been a bit unlucky in the last few weeks and we came very close to getting a draw today."

The opening goal came in the 71st minute when the home team Socceroo full-back George Jolevski

embarked on an ambitious run into the box.

Goalkeeper Peter Wilson deflected his shot and in the ensuing confusion Robert Markovac fired the ball home from the edge of the box. He was again in the action in the 87th minute when he scrambled the ball out of midfield and slotted it through to Andrew Zinni who dribbled into the penalty area and chipped the keeper.

Gardiner, who has a wealth of central defenders, played Zoran Tasevski in midfield as Oscar Crino is out serving a suspension. However, Crino is

likely to be back next weekend to make his 150th NSL appearance.

The team will also be waiting anxiously to see how Warren Spink bounces back from an ankle strain which led to his being substituted by Lori Ristevski late in the game.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 6, Roodhouse 6, Jolevski 7, Jackson 7, Parton 7, Petrov 6, Zinni 6, J Markovac 5 (Beklaris 79), Spink 6 (Ristevski 85), Tasevski 5, R Markovac 8.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: P Wilson 6, Cavanagh 6, D Wilson 7, Dunn 7, Bourke 6, Sandy 6, Bradley 6, Bard 5, Girdal 5 (Thornthwaite 75), Pontidas 6.

SCORERS: R Markovac 71m, A Zinni 87m (PM).

YELLOW CARDS: J Markovac 55m (PM); P Wilson 37m (WM).

REFEREE: G Dunster 7.

CROWD: 4000.

The 1990/91 Mitre Fair Play Trophy

THE QUIT National Soccer League of Australia is pleased to announce that the 1990/91 Fair Play Trophy will be sponsored by Mitre Sports, official suppliers of match balls to the National Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Federation.

Each month the club with the least number of player penalty points, will be awarded a monthly prize of \$250 of Mitre products.

At the conclusion of the season, the club with the least number of penalty points for the premiership shall receive a prize of \$3 000 of Mitre products and the Mitre Fair Play Trophy.

In the event of two teams being equal on penalty points, there will be a count back in the following manner:

1. The club with the least number of Red or Yellow cards.
2. The club with the least number of Red cards.
3. The club with the least number of players booked.
4. The club with the least penalty points the previous month.

Introduced in 1989 and in line with FIFA initiatives, the Trophy was won in the first two years by Marconi Fairfield, who were Champions in 1989 and runners up in 1989/90, showing that good teams and 'Fair Play' do go hand in hand.

Winner of the first month award for the 1990/91 season is Sydney Olympic, who received their prize from Mitre prior to the commencement of Sunday's fixture against Marconi at Marconi Stadium.

MITRE FAIR PLAY CUP

OCTOBER TABLE

| | P | YC | RC | P | PTS |
|-------------------------|---|----|----|---|-----|
| 1. Sydney Olympic | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | 15 |
| 2. Marconi | 4 | 3 | - | 3 | 16 |
| 3. St George | 4 | 6 | - | 5 | 19 |
| 4. Sunshine G.C. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| 5. W'gong Macedonia | 4 | 5 | - | 4 | 26 |
| 6. Sydney Croatia | 4 | 7 | - | 5 | 27 |
| 7. Apia Leichhardt | 4 | 6 | - | 5 | 28 |
| 8. Sth Melbourne Hellas | 4 | 5 | - | 4 | 28 |
| 9. Wollongong City | 4 | 8 | - | 6 | 30 |
| 10. Adelaide City | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 32 |
| 11. Heidelberg United | 4 | 9 | - | 7 | 37 |
| 12. Preston Makedonia | 4 | 8 | - | 8 | 38 |
| 13. Melbourne Croatia | 4 | 9 | - | 8 | 43 |
| 14. Melita Eagles | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 47 |

QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



WEEKEND
FIXTURES
ROUND 9



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v PRESTON

MAKEDONIA

Middle Park 6pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v APIA LEICHHARDT

Croatian Spts C 7pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v MARCONI

Somers Street 6pm

MELITA EAGLES v HEIDELBERG UNITED

Melita Stadium 7pm

ADELAIDE CITY v ST GEORGE BSC

Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v WOLLONGONG CITY

Brandon Park 7pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

St George Stadium 7pm



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Sunshine unlucky not to beat Sydney Croatia

BY DAVID BULLOCK

DESPITE dominating the match for long periods Sunshine George Cross had to be content with a share of the points in their drawn 1-1 game with Sydney Croatia at Skinner Reserve yesterday.

Belying their lowly position, George Cross attacked from the opening minute and were ruthless in their endeavour to clinch the two valuable points on offer.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina was a disappointed man after the match.

"We showed them too much respect and allowed them to dictate terms. We've each become more aggressive and are prepared to run and chase," he said.

"But I should be happy to at least come away with a point. However, this was still our worst performance this season and we will rectify the situation very quickly."

On the other hand George Cross boss Ernie Merrick was a very happy man after the game.

"We dominated the match so much we should have got more for our efforts, but we allowed too many



DAMIAN MORI

chances to slip away.

"There is still room for improvement but you cannot knock the fact that we have lost only one game in the last six and it is very pleasing for our overall chances this season."

George Cross came close to opening the score in the seventh minute when Gary Hasler was denied by the woodwork as he headed on goal from close range.

Against the run of play Sydney Croatia went ahead in the 20th minute. A corner kick from the left by Ivan Petkovic was nodded on inside the area by Zjelko Jurin into the path of Tony Popovic.

From five metres, Popovic blasted the ball past a hapless George Cross keeper Frank Talia and into the back of the net.

George Cross began to exert tremendous pressure on the Croatia defence with Derek Hunter coming close to equalising in the 27th minute, only for his shot on goal to go centimetres wide of the right post.

In the 38th minute George Cross deservedly grabbed an equaliser when defender Chris Ketsakidis rose high above the Croatia defenders to powerfully

head the ball into the back of the net from a David Clarkson corner kick from the right.

George Cross opened the second half in the same fashion that they left off in the first but were denied by some brilliant goalkeeping from Tony Franken.

George Cross should have taken the lead in the 74th minute when Alan Roodhouse had his shot from 20 metres brilliantly tipped over the crossbar by Franken.

The match seesawed with George Cross once again coming close to snatching the points in the final minute when Hunter blasted his shot from close range over the crossbar after some good lead-up work from the menacing Damian Mori.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Talla 6, Mori 6, Roodhouse 6, Weddell 7, Ketsakidis 6, C Foster 8, Kindtner 5 (Humble 82), Hunter 5, Hasler 5, Clarkson 6, Cranney 6.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 7, Carter 6, Popovic 5, Zelic 5, Kupresak 5, Runja 5, Petkovic 5, Gibson 4 (Toscanelli 68), Riley 5, Lamond 5, Jurin 4 (Koch 68).

SCORERS: Ketsakidis 38m (GC); Popovic 20m (SC).

REFEREE: R Davies 5. **CROWD:** 3000.

Soper tops in Melita's Victory

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PARRAMATTA Melita earned only their second victory in eight league matches by defeating a lacklustre St George 2-1 last night at St George Stadium.

Inspired by former fiery Soccerroo striker Marshall Soper, Melita played intelligent, highly entertaining football that repeatedly had the Saints on the back foot.

Soper was in the thick of everything and was a constant thorn in St George's side, repeatedly ripping through their defence with his long-striding raids.

To compound St George's tale of woe, teenage midfielder Adam Ciantar was sent off by referee Peter Spiers for a tackle on Soper that reeked of frustration.

In the 68th minute St George came perilously close to equalising when Freestone crossed from the left to find giant striker Tony Krslovic deep in the St George box.

But Krslovic's glancing header was just wide of the right post.

Melita scored their second goal in the 74th minute when mercurial Kiwi striker Greg Brown stole possession from the St George defence, and slammed a curling 20 metre drive between diving St George goalkeeper John Filan and the right post.

Four minutes before fulltime Saints managed to pull back a goal when rugged midfielder Craig Moffitt bullocked his way through three defenders to scramble the ball over the line, despite a valiant effort by right-back Andy Callanan to clear.

Seconds before fulltime Melita should have had a third when their South American centre back Alfredo Barrios charged right up the middle of the park, but his square pass to Greg Brown resulted in his blasting straight into the grateful arms of Filan.

Roberto Viera, Melita's stand-in coach in the absence of Raul Blanco away in South America with the Australian Under 17 national side, expressed his joy, stating: "We played disciplined football. We waited for St George and caught them on the break."

Man of the match Soper said: "We must be one of the most attractive sides to watch in the League. We opened up with two goals and yet we still wanted to attack."

"In the past we have been punished for doing this, but tonight we got away with it."

The Saints took the field without three of their regular players. Centre back Michael O'Shea missed the match through suspension, midfielder Matthew Bingley was out with injury, and second midfielder Andy Harper was dropped.

In the first session Melita caused havoc, repeatedly drawing St George out of their last third and catching them right out with long balls over the top.

St George launched their first serious attempt in the 31st minute when South American flanker Osvaldo El Ali slung a perfect cross from the left to completely unmarked teenage midfielder Shawn Freestone, but the blond youngster's free header from 10 metres

shaved the left post.

Just one minute later St George yet again threatened when captain and centre back Andy Koczka blasted from 12 metres out on the right but was denied a dividend by a magnificent save by Melita goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

Seven minutes from halftime Melita were finally rewarded for their work with a spectacular goal.

Left midfielder Geoff Gunning squared a lovely timed ball that ran parallel to the edge of the penalty box, with striker Greg Brown leaping over

the ball to allow midfielder Gus Cerro to nip in and smash home a rocketing drive.

ST GEORGE: Filan 6, Milicevic 5 (Harper 46), Baillie 5, Koczka 6, Longo 6, Ciantar 5, Freestone 5, Moffitt 5, El Ali 5 (Kotsias 71), Krslovic 6, Easthorpe 5.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson 6, Callanan 6, Barrios 7, Gonzales 6, O'Donnell 6, Parison 6, Gimenez 7, Cerro 7, Gunning 6, Soper 8, Brown 7.

SCORERS: Moffitt 86m (SG), Cerro 37m, Brown 74m (M).

YELLOW CARDS: Koczka 10m, Filan 43m, Moffitt 44m, Krslovic 89m (SG).

RED CARD: A Ciantar 72m (SG).

REFEREE: P Spiers 7. **CROWD:** 1618.



Gerry Gomez in action for Apia against South Melbourne on Sunday — STEVE GOSCH pic.

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have had Ante Rumora on the injured list.

"Another bonus from Sliskovic's appearance will be the easing of the pressure on some of our talented youngsters."

The club has also signed Marcelo Toscanelli as a visa player.

On Friday Sydney Croatia made another important move when it obtained well known Hunter Valley wine marker Tyrrells on a three-year sponsorship deal.

Club president — and top mover and shaker — Laurie Grgich said: "Tyrrells are most welcome, as well as other sponsors such as Taubmans and SJP Formwork." (see separate story page 6).

Mr Grgich foresees as much as \$250,000 rolling into club coffers from sponsorship in his first year in the chair.

Most NSL clubs would be green with envy to have a player of Sliskovic's calibre turning out and huge sponsorship dollars as well.

Apia roar back to beat leaders

BY LACHLAN BARKER

APIA may be near the bottom of the NSL, but their matches are amongst the most exciting you will see.

Last night they defeated league leaders South Melbourne Hellas 2-0 in a game with everything at Lambert Park.

After performances at the beginning of the season that left their fans despairing of a win, to produce a victory against the all-conquering Hellas was only to be expected from a team with an infinite

capacity to surprise.

As usual the start of an Apia match was more like Le Mans than a soccer game with Apia Leichhardt beginning like an armada of Ferraris.

After three minutes Apia were in the lead with a Paul McFadden goal.

Darren Stewart, Apia's powerful stopper, won the ball on the right flank and sent Klaus Okon away on the wing.

Okon's grass-cutting cross was scrambled into the net by Paul McFadden at the back



Apia stopper Darren Stewart has things under control in Sunday's match against South Melbourne Hellas — photo by STEVEN GOSCH.

SPONSOR FOR CROATIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Croatia Soccer Club last Friday announced a sponsorship deal that will net the club anywhere between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

The sponsorship was negotiated by Sydney Croatia club president Laurie Grgich with Bruce Tyrrell, the General Manager for Tyrrell's Wines.

The sponsorship was announced at a special dinner held at the Croatian Club at Punchbowl.

The dinner was well attended by VIPs, club officials, Sydney Croatia club captain, Anthony Franken, and the whole Sydney Croatia NSL team as well as the media.

Mr Rod Edmonds, marketing club manager of Tyrrell's stated: "We are sponsors of rugby league clubs, Cronulla, Balmain and Penrith as well."

"Tyrrell's is a family company, with many wide interests in Australian traditions."

"Our Company runs on a very personal family basis."

Mr Edmonds, a rugby league player himself in the past, was a CHS representative in 1978.

Tyrrell's have traditionally been involved

with rugby league, having sponsored in the past the Cessnock rugby league club.

The Tyrrell family established their wine operations in Australia way back in 1858.

Their vineyards stretch across the lower Hunter Valley area at Pokolbin.

In announcing the sponsorship, Mr Grgich said: "Our club is very proud to be associated with Tyrrell's Wines, which will be sold at all three of our club restaurants."

"The sponsorship has been formulated on the total gross purchases that our club makes with the company."

Tyrrell's wines have won numerous awards at world exhibitions for many of their products, especially their renowned Chardonnays.

Another \$40,000 was also raised on the night from other sponsors.

S.J.P. Formwork, yet again put forward another \$15,000 cheque as did club member Mr Mark Kasunic.

post.

This goal was more than just a score for Apia, it provided the previously lacklustre McFadden with a surging confidence that made him one of Apia's best, and gave the team a lift when they needed it most.

From here they never looked back and careered away from the strangely tentative and rudderless Hellas.

The return of steelman John MacQuarrie to the Apia midfield made all the difference to their chances. His defensive dominance and attacking generalship gave Apia a thrusting drive, that combined with McFadden's running was irresistible.

Bruce Maclaren in the Hellas nets must have felt like a shooting range target as his goal was hit with everything from long range drives to near post trickles.

In just the ninth minute a furious goal-

mouth flurry saw nearly every Apia player except Maloney and Murray, who were on the bench, shooting from about three centimetres out and still not scoring. Angie Postecoglou and Dave Healey, the Hellas fullbacks, assisted Maclaren to stop the barrage of nearly six shots.

In the 18th minute gymnastics were added to the entertainment when Hellas midfielder Paul Wade did a somersault over the fence on

the far touchline when he could not pull out in time to avoid the barrier. Actually it was the only piece of innovation Hellas showed in the match and it still didn't help.

The second half was more of the same from both sides. Apia somehow picked up their pace, no mean feat in the sapping heat, and scored again in the opening minutes.

MacQuarrie found an overlapping Graham Jennings on the left and his low cross was trapped by Tony Lemezina within two metres of the Hellas goal. Cool as a seal's flipper, he controlled the ball, turned and slotted it home.

All the Apia players were performing however and Hellas' only real chance, a precision shot on the turn by Kim Taliadoros, was caught by Apia keeper, Brett Hughes, at the last possible milli-second before crossing the goal-line.

It summed up Hellas' day.

APIA: Hughes 7, Blagojevic 6, Jennings 7, Stewart 7, Brown 6, MacQuarrie 8, Okon 5 (Maloney 7), Gomez 5, McFadden 7, Bundalo 5 (Murray 8), Lemezina 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren 6, Healy 6, Postecoglou 5, Durakovic 6, Blair 6, Wade 5, Taliadoros 5, Petersen 5, Trimboli 5, Tasios 5 (Wright 8), Tsolakis 5.

SCORERS: McFadden 3m, Lemezina 46m for Apia.

YELLOW CARDS: MacQuarrie 31m for Apia.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge 8.

CROWD: 2831.

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W'gong City v Ad City

- 3 Tapai (AC)
- 2 Ivanovic (AC)
- 1 Zabica (AC)

Heidelberg v Melb Croatia

- 3 Bratten (H)
- 2 McDowall (H)
- 1 Talajic (MC)

Marconi v Syd Olympic

- 3 McCulloch (M)
- 2 Okon (M)
- 1 Gosling (SO)

Melita v St George

- 3 Soper (M)
- 2 Gimenez (M)
- 1 Koczka (SG)

Preston v W'gong Mace

- 3 R. Markovac (P)
- 2 Parton (P)
- 1 Wilson (W)

Sunshine v Syd Croatia

- 3 C. Foster (SGC)
- 2 Waddell (SGC)
- 1 Franken (SG)

Apia v SM Hellas

- 3 McQuarrie (A)
- 2 McFadden (A)
- 1 Jennings (A)

PLAYER POINTS

- 12: Stubbins (H)
- 10: Filan (StG)
- 8: A Bundalo (Apia), Ivanovich (Ad City), Peikovic (SC)
- 7: A McCulloch (Marc), McPherson (Melita), Skeen (WC), Yankos (WC)

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SOCCER POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 279
SAT. 1st DECEMBER, 1990

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|----|
| ENGLISH DIVISION 1 | ASTON VILLA | SHEFF. UTD. | 1 |
| | CRYSTAL PALACE | COVENTRY | 2 |
| | LEEDS | SOUTHAMPTON | 3 |
| | MAN. CITY | Q.P.R. | 4 |
| | NORWICH | WIMBLEDON | 5 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 2 | NOTTINGHAM F. | LUTON | 6 |
| | SUNDERLAND | DERBY | 7 |
| | BRISTOL C. | CHARLTON | 8 |
| | LEICESTER | NEWCASTLE | 9 |
| | MIDDLESBRO | HULL | 10 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 3 | MILLWALL | BRISTOL R. | 11 |
| | OLDHAM | BRIGHTON | 12 |
| | PORT VALE | PLYMOUTH | 13 |
| | PORTSMOUTH | OXFORD UTD. | 14 |
| | SHEFF. WED. | NOTTS C. | 15 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 4 | SWINDON | BLACKBURN | 16 |
| | WATFORD | BARNLEY | 17 |
| | WEST HAM | WEST BROM. | 18 |
| | WOLVES | IPSWICH | 19 |
| | BOLTON | TRANMERE | 20 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 5 | CHESTER | BOURNEMOUTH | 21 |
| | EXETER | STOKE | 22 |
| | GRIMSBY | MANSFIELD | 23 |
| | PRESTON | SHREWSBURY | 24 |
| | READING | FULHAM | 25 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 6 | ROTHERHAM | SOUTHEND | 26 |
| | SWANSEA | BIRMINGHAM | 27 |
| | WIGAN A. | BURY | 28 |
| | BURNLEY | CARDIFF | 29 |
| | CHESTERFIELD | GILLINGHAM | 30 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 7 | DONCASTER | ALDRSHOT | 31 |
| | HEREFORD | BLACKPOOL | 32 |
| | LINCOLN | SCARBORO | 33 |
| | MAIDSTONE | PETERBORO | 34 |
| | NORTHAMPTON | ROCHDALE | 35 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 8 | STOCKPORT | DARLINGTON | 36 |
| | TORQUAY | HARTLEPOOL | 37 |
| | WALSALL | HALIFAX | 38 |
| | WREXHAM | CARLISLE | 39 |
| | YORK | SCUNTHORPE | 40 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 9 | TELFORD | KETTERING | 41 |
| | WELLING UTD. | BARROW | 42 |
| | WYCOMBE | KID'NMINSTER | 43 |
| | YEOVIL | BARNET | 44 |
| | ABERDEEN | DUNFERMLINE | 45 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 10 | HIBERNIAN | CELTIC | 46 |
| | RANGERS | HEARTS | 47 |
| | ST. JOHNSTONE | MOTHERWELL | 48 |
| | ST. MIRREN | DUNDEE U. | 49 |
| | CLYDEBANK | AIRDRIE | 50 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 11 | DUNDEE | AYR | 51 |
| | FALKIRK | CLYDE | 52 |
| | HAMILTON | RAITH | 53 |
| | KILMARNOCK | BRECHIN | 54 |
| | MORTON | MEADOWBANK | 55 |

RESERVE MATCHES

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----|
| ENGLISH DIVISION 1 | WREXHAM | CARLISLE | 39 |
| | YORK | SCUNTHORPE | 40 |
| | TELFORD | KETTERING | 41 |
| | WELLING UTD. | BARROW | 42 |
| | WYCOMBE | KID'NMINSTER | 43 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 2 | YEOVIL | BARNET | 44 |
| | ABERDEEN | DUNFERMLINE | 45 |
| | HIBERNIAN | CELTIC | 46 |
| | RANGERS | HEARTS | 47 |
| | ST. JOHNSTONE | MOTHERWELL | 48 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 3 | ST. MIRREN | DUNDEE U. | 49 |
| | CLYDEBANK | AIRDRIE | 50 |
| | DUNDEE | AYR | 51 |
| | FALKIRK | CLYDE | 52 |
| | HAMILTON | RAITH | 53 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 4 | KILMARNOCK | BRECHIN | 54 |
| | MORTON | MEADOWBANK | 55 |
| | WREXHAM | CARLISLE | 39 |
| | YORK | SCUNTHORPE | 40 |
| | TELFORD | KETTERING | 41 |

* ENGLISH DIVISION 4

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MATCH RESULTS

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SAT. 24th NOVEMBER, 1990

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|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| ENGLISH DIVISION 1 | LIVERPOOL | MAN. CITY | 1 2-2 * |
| | LUTON | ASTON VILLA | 2 2-0 |
| | Q.P.R. | ARSENAL | 3 1-3 |
| | SHEFFIELD UTD. | SUNDERLAND | 4 0-2 |
| | SOUTHAMPTON | CRYSTAL P. | 5 2-3 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 2 | TOTTENHAM | NORWICH | 6 2-1 |
| | WIMBLEDON | EVERTON | 7 2-1 |
| | BARNLEY | WOLVES | 8 1-1 * |
| | BRIGHTON | MILLWALL | 9 0-0 |
| | CHARLTON | PORTSMOUTH | 10 2-1 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 3 | IPSWICH | BRISTOL C. | 11 1-1 * |
| | NEWCASTLE | WATFORD | 12 1-0 |
| | NOTTS C. | SWINDON | 13 0-0 |
| | OXFORD UTD. | MIDDLESBRO | 14 2-5 |
| | PLYMOUTH | WEST HAM | 15 0-1 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 4 | WEST BROM. | SHEFF. WED. | 16 1-2 |
| | BIRMINGHAM | BOURNEMOUTH | 17 0-0 |
| | BURY | STOKE | 18 1-1 * |
| | CAMBRIDGE U. | SHREWSBURY | 19 3-1 |
| | CREWE | BRADFORD C. | 20 0-0 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 5 | EXETER | BRENTFORD | 21 1-1 * |
| | FULHAM | TRANMERE | 22 1-2 |
| | GRIMSBY | BOLTON | 23 0-1 |
| | PRESTON | HUDOERSFIELD | 24 1-1 * |
| | READING | SOUTHEND | 25 2-4 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 6 | ROTHERHAM | MANSFIELD | 26 1-1 * |
| | SWANSEA | CHESTER | 27 1-0 |
| | WIGAN A. | LEYTON O. | 28 1-2 |
| | ALDRSHOT | MAIDSTONE | 29 4-3 |
| | BURNLEY | HALIFAX | 30 2-1 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 7 | DONCASTER | BLACKPOOL | 31 1-0 |
| | GILLINGHAM | CARDIFF | 32 4-0 |
| | HARTLEPOOL | SCARBORO | 33 2-0 |
| | HEREFORD | PETERBORO | 34 0-0 |
| | LINCOLN | DARLINGTON | 35 0-3 |
| ENGLISH DIVISION 8 | ROCHDALE | CARLISLE | 36 0-1 |
| | WREXHAM | SCUNTHORPE | 37 1-0 |
| | YORK | NORTHAMPTON | 38 0-1 |
| | WREXHAM | CARLISLE | 39 |
| | YORK | SCUNTHORPE | 40 |



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 19/11/90 — WEEK 277

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| 30 | 35 | 42 | 21 | 35 | 50 | 37 | 52 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
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Thomson relishing the Czech games

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SOCEROO coach Eddie Thomson is spoiling to get his charges in the ring against the touring Czechoslovakian team.

The Czechs are expected to play two matches in Australia, with games pencilled in for Wednesdays January 30 and February 6.

Speaking to ASW before leaving for Buenos Aires via Los Angeles for the under 17 Joeys tour of Argentina and Chile, Thomson said: "I understand that it is likely that Czechoslovakia will bring a mixture of players from their recent national and under 23 teams.

"I have no doubt about the quality of their players — they



Action in the goalmouth when Australia met Hajduk Split at the Parramatta Stadium earlier this year.

from Perth, was keyed up before the plane departed from Kingsford Smith Airport last Tuesday.

"We have a strong side, with some outstanding scorers.

"Everyone is looking forward to the internationals against Chile in particular," he said.

Midfielder Carbone has already played four first team matches for Western Australian champions and cup winners, Perth Italia, although he is only 16 years of age.

His career has been influenced by the coaching of Perth coach Ken Worden, a former top player, and Gary Marocchi, the stylish former Soccerroo who is involved in youth development.

Marocchi was an Adelaide City star in the early days of the NSL.

Joeys coach Les Scheinflug believes that his team will have to really harden up on tour, in order to be able to cope with the New Zealanders in the Oceania qualifying series at Napier, New Zealand, from January 13/21.

The Kiwi young brigade has been training for the past two years under former national coach, Kevin Fallon, with the NZFA recognising that this series represents a rare chance to advance straight from Oceania to the world finals.

These will be held in Ecuador from August 16/September 1 next.

To date the Australians have had two camps in Canberra to get their act together.

The Joeys do not receive their itinerary for the Chile matches until they arrive in Santiago, but matches were expected against the youth teams of leading clubs, including the well known Colo Colo.

Scheinflug says the invitation to play in Chile resulted from the fine impression made by the Australian Youth team which competed in the World Youth Cup finals there in 1987.

Assistant under 17 coach Raul Blanco temporarily left his Parramatta Melita posting to be in the

party.

Originally from Argentina, his presence in the party is of particular value.

Thomson's availability should have a bonus for Australia and the young players, somewhere along the line.

He commented: "We should now start to see the benefit of the move to have full-time coaches attending to the four national teams.

"Prior to this they were largely conducted as entirely separate units.

"If some of the youngsters from this team impress enough, they could find themselves winning places in the under 19 squad as well.

"From there those that are good enough will be fast tracking through to the under 23 Olympic team and then maybe to the Soccerroos."

A late inclusion in the party as medico was Dr Ron Muratore, the president of the NSW Sports Medicine organisation.

Tourists strong despite defections

BY LOU GAUTIER

ALTHOUGH Czechoslovakia is certain to travel to Australia without its foreign-based players, now the majority of their starting line-up, their visit will still be a very useful exercise for the match-starved Soccerroos.

Coach Milan Macala, the man who replaced Joe Venglos, will probably bring out the bulk of the 'A' squad players still based in Czechoslovakia and several of the country's brilliant under 23 Olympic side.

The tourists are sure to come without goalkeeper Jan Stejskal (Queens Park Rangers), defenders Miroslav Kadlec (Kaiserslautern) and Jan Kocian (Sankt Pauli), midfielders Lubomir Moravcik (St Etienne), Josef Chovanec (PSV) and Lajos Kubik (Fiorentina), as well as strikers Tomas Skuhravy (Genoa) and Ivo Knoflicek (Sankt Pauli).

These are the players who took the team to the quarter-finals of the World Cup and who kept Czechoslovakia's Euro-92 hopes alive two weeks ago with a comeback from behind 3-2 win over Spain in Prague.

The Czech and Slovak-based members of the current national "A" team we will probably see in Australia include defenders Karel Kula and Michal Hipp and playmaker Michal Bilek, likely to be the star of the team.

Bilek is the only big name from the World Cup team not to have

been lured abroad after Italia '90.

Also Australia-bound will be fringe A team members like Milan Pecko and Jan Tittel and Bielek, not to be confused with Bilek.

The rest of the touring party will be made up of Olympic team members.

But they will not weaken the side as Czechoslovakia probably has the best under 23 team in Europe these days.

The Australian Olympians did well to only lose to them 2-0 on their August tour of Europe.

Since that game, the Czechoslovaks, who had already trounced top opposition in Europe, have gone on to comfortably head their Olympic qualifying group and are a safe bet to make it to Barcelona in 1992.

They beat France, in France, and thrashed Spain in Prague.

This was the team's line-up against France: Jurack — Kotulec, Suchoparek, Novotny, Prazemica — Penicka, Latal, Sovic, Necas — Najaros, Masik.

Remember those names: you will be hearing and reading all about them when the Soccerroos play Czechoslovakia early next year.

Australian youth traces the overseas trends

BY MIKE JOHNSON

SOME years ago I returned to England from Australia in order to take a series of coaching courses in England.

My family and I stayed there one year, during which time one attended soccer coaching courses staffed, amongst others, by current England national team coach Don Howe and current Republic of Ireland team manager, Jackie Charlton.

For work I was a school teacher in the East End of London where 50 per cent of the students were coloured, mainly from the West Indies, who were pouring into England in their thousands during that period.

As sports teachers we took the students by bus to outer London, where there were many sports fields.

The West Indies lads were excellent at all sports. Some even played cricket in the school yard while it was snowing.

They were also excellent at soccer and as in Brazil, they were from big families and living in deprived conditions which made them "hungry" literally.

It was obvious that, in time, these people would have a huge impact on English football.

That time has arrived.

The other night, as one watched ABC Television's English Soccer, in the main game Arsenal vs Crystal Palace, half of the players were black, of West Indian Negro background.

London, especially East London where Crystal Palace, Charlton Athletic, Millwall and West Ham play, has attracted the most West Indians, though they are scattered all over the country, particularly so in the Midlands, with many in Birmingham.

In America the coloured people of Negro background predominate in their sports, especially in gridiron, basketball, the speed events in athletics and in boxing.

The English West Indians are also of Negro origin — tall, strong, quick and very physically co-ordinated.

Typical of them is the great Liverpool player, John Barnes.

In the Arsenal-Crystal Palace game the black players had a tremendous impact with their speed, power and deft control of the ball.

So as times change and populations become more mobile, we

find mixed populations everywhere, and none more so than in Australia.

Europeans, South Americans then Asians, have changed the face of Australia and especially of Australian soccer.

It is interesting to observe the difference in temperament of the various nationalities.

One has noticed that when it comes to raw aggression and willpower, the German, Dutch and the Anglo-Saxon races are to the forefront, but when it comes to



John Barnes muscular co-ordination and therefore skill, the coloured people lead the way.

One cannot but think that the development in soccer in this country in the coaching of young players is now becoming one of the most thorough in the world.

The raw talent being



presented to junior coaches is quite outstanding.

The relative affluence of Australia, despite the recent downturn, plus the competition from other football codes has brought significant administrative and technical improvement.

One watched a game of 12 year olds the other day.

Having coached kids on and off for many years, the standard of these youngsters was so very far ahead of what it was just some few years ago.

Their technical ability was so good for their age and in comparison to previous times.

What soccer needs now in Australia and word-wide, is for the on-field physical violence and cynical fouling, both symptoms of modern society, to be eliminated from the game.

Hardness is one thing, dirtiness is another.

Clean, non-stop, skilful and competitive football is truly worth watching.

ASF to decide England venue

BY RAFAEL HERNANDEZ

THE location of the fixture for the upcoming international clash between the Soccerroos and Italia '90 semi-finalists England is still being debated.

The decision now lays in the hands of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust.

The match, due to be held on June 1 next year, was arranged by the Australian Soccer Federation, who have asked to have a "clean stadium" to erect their own advertising signs around the playing area at Sydney Football Stadium.

If the Trust allows this request, then the game will be held at the stadium.

If denied, it will most certainly be held at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

And how unlucky that would be for NSW soccer fans.

The ASF's request to have their own advertising around the playing area is linked



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with a television deal which is currently being negotiated with a major English network to televise the game live back to England.

A meeting arranged by the ASF on November 28 with the SCG Trust is expected to settle the advertising matter.

New England boss, Graham Taylor, formerly with Aston Villa, plans to bring most of the stars who appeared in this year's World Cup in Italy, including players of the calibre of Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker, Des Walker and Peter Beardsley.



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will provide top competition for our squad and be a great drawcard for anyone who likes to see high class football.

"Their under 23 team beat us 2-0 on our European tour, but apart from that, have a look at their record.

"They beat West Germany 3-0 in Germany, Austria 6-1 and Brazil 3-0 and 3-1.

"I can tell you that any players who are brought through from that group to their national team are no slouches."

Thomson feels that his side did well enough against Hajduk Split when they toured.

He sees a big advantage for the Soccerroos this time around, as they will be at the height of their club form when the Czechs come in two months' time.

In addition the Soccerroo squad will have a training camp in January to sharpen up, whereas it was more a case that the Hajduk tour was sprung on them.

Young Australian Joeys captain, Anthony Carbone

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Calmer Dutch waters for Bobby Robson

STORM clouds gathering over former England manager Bobby Robson seem to be lifting with his PSV Eindhoven side now heading the Dutch League and a batch of injured players restored to health.

"You can't get any higher than first so it's going quite well," he said.

"I've enjoyed the challenge of switching from the England job to club soccer again."

Robson, 57, took over as PSV coach on a lucrative two-year contract in July after eight years with England which ended with a dramatic run to the semi-finals of the World Cup in Italy.

The ambitious Dutch club, European champions in 1988, set Robson the target of regaining the domestic league title and clinching a place in the last eight of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Indifferent early season form and a first round European exit to France's Montpellier put him under immediate pressure.

Robson blames the early problems on injuries to key players like Brazilian striker Romario, veteran Belgian Eric Gerets and experienced Dutchmen Erwin Koeman, Berry Van Aerle and John Bosman.

"It's been a bit nightmarish for me."

"If you play your best players you can rely not only on their individual quality but the spin-off effect they have on the rest of the team," he said.

Van Aerle is still recovering from a knee operation but the others have returned as PSV seek to take the title from holders Ajax Amsterdam, who denied them a record fifth consecutive championship last season.

It seems Robson will need to win the league to silence his critics in the Dutch press.

"PSV opts for kick-and-rush" commented one Dutch soccer magazine on Robson's appointment and the suspicion lingers that he lacks the tactical nous to coach a top European club.

Robson naturally bristles at the suggestion.

"My style in English football for many years at Ipswich wasn't blood and thunder."

"In fact, I bought two Dutch players, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, to help shorten our game and



BRIAN ROBSON

play more through the midfield" he said.

"England played very good football under me and didn't lose too many times."

"We certainly never resorted to the kind of football you see Jackie Charlton's Ireland play," he added.

Robson rose to prominence as a manager during 13 years at the helm with Ipswich Town, leading the previously unfashionable club to the 1978 FA

Cup and the 1981 UEFA Cup before taking the England job a year later.

The English team had mixed fortunes under Robson — a dismal performance in the 1988 European championship but a place in the World Cup quarter-finals in 1986 and the semi-finals in 1990.

Robson has endured fierce press attacks in recent years with popular English news-

papers calling for his head after the 1988 debacle and publishing derogatory stories about his private life.

Some commentators suggested he came to Eindhoven to escape unwanted media attention but Robson cites more positive reasons.

"I wanted to come abroad for a couple of years to complete my education, my experience," he said.

"I was attracted to PSV because I could communicate in English to the players and as it was a big club," he added.

He admits the Dutch league, where PSV are the only club able to regularly attract crowds of more than 20,000 with Ajax, lacks the quality in depth of the English First Division but says he has no problem motivating himself.

"I'm an enthusiast. It's always a good atmosphere in our stadium and generally when we go away we pull good crowds because it's PSV," he said.

He refuses to say whether he misses the England job, insisting all his attention is focused on PSV.

"I don't look back now. I can't look back. My job is here, my life is here and I love it," he said.

Toshack gets the boot

SPANISH champions Real Madrid sacked their Welsh coach John Toshack last week after their third defeat of the season had left them in sixth place in the First Division.

"It has all happened in a very friendly manner," said club chairman Ramon Mendoza after Real directors had met for more than two hours.

The decision was not unexpected following Real's 2-1 defeat away to Valencia last Saturday week.

Toshack said the decision was inevitable, but added: "What hurts me most is not having the opportunity to win the European Cup with Real Madrid."

Real two weeks ago reached the quarter-finals of the European Champions' Cup with a massive 11-3 win over two legs against Swarovski Tirol of Austria.

Speculation that former Liverpool striker Toshack would go has been rife since the club's campaign to win a sixth consecutive league title began to go seriously wrong with 2-1 defeat at the hands of First Division newcomer Burgos.

Toshack's fate was finally sealed on Saturday week with the defeat at Valencia, third from bottom in the table, with marksman Hugo Sanchez sent off and five other Real players booked adding insult to injury.

For normally high-flying Real, being sixth is bad enough — but seeing arch-rivals Barcelona five points ahead

at the top of the league has rubbed salt into the wound.

Mendoza, who has complained that this season is the worst he had seen in five years as chairman, said the directors were unanimous that Toshack must go.

But he added: "I would like to thank Toshack publicly for what he has done in Real Madrid in the last 15 months."

Toshack, in his second season at the Spanish club, told a news conference he had felt things could go wrong before the season began but was willing to take much of the blame.



Norway's captain Rune Bratseth — his team could make life difficult for rivals Italy, Hungary and the USSR in the Euro-92 qualifiers.

SOVIET LEGEND IS DEAD

EDUARD Streltsov, one of the most controversial of Soviet stars, died aged 53 in Moscow after a long illness.

Streltsov exploded on Soviet soccer in the mid-1950s, made his league debut with Moscow Torpedo at 16 and his national team debut at 18 in 1955.

A centre-forward of skill and personality totally at odds with the demands of the Soviet soccer establishment at the time, Streltsov should have led the Soviet attack at the 1958 World Cup finals.

Instead he was accused of involvement in a rape incident and sentenced to 12 years in Siberia.

In 1964 Streltsov was released and returned to Torpedo.

Fears of adverse publicity blocked his selection for the World Cup squad in 1966.

But Streltsov won the Soviet championship with Torpedo in 1965, the cup in 1968 and was voted Footballer of the Year in 1967 and 1968.

In his 39 internationals he scored 25 goals, including a hat-trick against Chile in Santiago in 1966.

Streltsov retired in 1971 and was appointed to the Torpedo youth coaching staff.

• FOOTNOTE: Streltsov visited Australia in 1956 as a member of the Soviets' gold medal-winning football team.

Archibald comes home

NOMAD Steve Archibald bringing his striking skills back to his roots by joining Scottish Premier Division club St Mirren.



Steve Archibald

The 34-year-old former Scottish international has negotiated a \$380,000 move from Spanish First Division side Espanol.

After his spells with Clyde and Aberdeen, Archibald moved to Tottenham, then Spanish giants Barcelona for more than \$2.5 million.

He returned to Scotland to play for Hibs via a loan spell at Blackburn but that move soon turned sour and he moved on to Espanol.

St Mirren manager Tony Fitzpatrick, who may have to pay Archibald as much as \$12,000 a game for the short-term move, said: "Steve is a quality penalty box striker.

I'm confident he will do a job for us."

While St Mirren are hoping to tie up the loose ends with one experienced international, the other Saints, St Johnstone, are also chasing a "golden oldie."

Belgian Frankie Vercauteren, the 33-year-old veteran of two World Cups, has been training with St Johnstone this week and may turn out against Hibernian.

Vercauteren, a free agent after leaving French side Nantes during the summer, has impressed manager Alex Totten who said: "It is important to look at him in a match before deciding if we should make a move for him."

Soccer must be played as a sport once again

FROM WALTER DE STE CROIX

TWO groups in particular watched the assault at Italia '90 on the rough play and gamesmanship which have increasingly spoilt top levels of soccer since the 1960s.

The assault was mounted by FIFA, as surely all sporting followers of soccer had long hoped it would, and the best of the world's referees have used the finals to get some important Laws out of the twilight zone and into regular use.

The two groups are (1) referees everywhere, and (2) the coaches of professional sides.

For twenty years coaches have carefully studied how far their players could go in breaking the laws.

In particular, kicking the legs and ankles of skilled opponents has paid a double dividend: injuring a key man, and upsetting the concentration of the entire opposing team.

It was on again in the Finals earlier in the year from the first match — ask Maradona.

And who would have believed how much kicking in tackles and shirtpulling would continue after the first week's show-ers of cautions and send-offs?

It goes to show the extent of the training of

players in those 'arts' of thuggery and gamesmanship that some teams simply couldn't stop crunching ankles, encroaching at free-kicks, protesting and so on.

The Laws state that (1) players who do not retire a proper distance when a free kick is taken must be cautioned, and on any repetition be ordered off; (2) a player shall be cautioned if ... he shows by word or action dissent from any decision; (3) or if he persistently infringes the Laws; or (4) if he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, which includes all gamesmanship, time wasting especially at free-kicks, and feigning injury.

Only the last of these is occasionally difficult to spot.

Referees failing to caution in such cases are themselves in breach of the laws.

But for years referees have been persuaded in various ways not to give a caution.

They have also been persuaded in many cases not to send off players whose tackles were clearly both foul and serious.

If administrators everywhere now support the lead given by Messrs Vautrot, Kohi, Lanese, Jose Wright, George Courtney, Valente and others, and by the FIFA

Appointments Committee, then coaches can now end the long battle of wits and instead train players to behave themselves.

Soccer may flourish again as a sport, at all levels — especially if ways are found of allowing many more goals to be scored, removing for ever the premium on the 'professional' foul near goal.

It would become a very amateurish foul!

Referees cannot see everything, nor can linesmen.

Franz Beckenbauer wants a panel of about a dozen top men to control World Cup games, and the Austrian, Hickensberger, wants each game controlled by two referees and two linesmen, according to recent reports.

The latter was tried in Scandinavia and discarded over twenty years ago.

And Beckenbauer's suggestion would not keep referees training happy.

I've often heard (from referees); "If referees made as many mistakes as players do ..." which bears thinking about.

One hates to see matches decided by a referee's or a linesman's hairsbreadth decision on a point of fact in a game — whether a good one, or a doubtful or bad one.

\$30,000 tag priced Sean Lane out of NSL

BY GREG BLAKE

THE forgotten man, the has-been, the over-priced flop and, perhaps the most cruel jibe of them all, the never-was.

They are just some of the accusations levelled (usually behind his back) at Brunswick Juventus star, Sean Lane.

Most know of Lane, or at least remember him.

They seem only to recall the then massive \$30,000 transfer fee which took him from Preston Makedonia to Brunswick Juventus back in the summer of 1986/87.

Not living up to the transfer cost is all they tend to mention of his career since.

Indeed that \$30,000 figure, once the finest compliment paid to him, is now the subject of his worst nightmares.

His broad shoulders have coped with the taunts of loud-mouthed supporters and a not so complimentary press.

But it is the frustration of not having a fair chance to prove his knockers wrong, of having to endure the reputation as an over-priced flop which grates on his nerves.

No matter how well Lane plays in the relative anonymity of the Victorian State League — and he has put together two remarkably good years for the record — he's never had the chance to set the record straight in NSL company.

His bitterness is reflected in his attitude towards the game.

"When you're up there they tell you that if you're dropped or you get out of the game that you will soon be forgotten," he told ASW.

"How true it is." Lane didn't heed those words back in



SEAN LANE

the heady Preston days of 1985 and 1986.

A barnstorming, goalscoring midfielder, Lane was the toast of Connor Reserve in those days as the club flirted with glory.

As he admits, it all came so easily then.

He concedes that he found time to do a 'bit of yahooping.'

"And now the stigma is attached still," he explained.

"It doesn't seem to matter how well I play or how serious I am about the game, I'm still known as one of the most expensive flops in the game."

Lane says his reputation as being a "bit of a lad" is the most

unjust.

"It really is a misconception that people have," he told ASW.

"The only reason I came here (to Australia) was to play football and if you're good enough to be, it really gets to you."

"But I'm in the situation where I can't prove anything to anyone if I don't get the chance."

"I mean people ask me why I'm not in there (the NSL)."

"I don't know — perhaps it's just my reputation."

"Preston had a word to me before this season but in the end I got the impression that John Gardiner was

another person who just felt that I hadn't lived up to my potential."

Lane, now 26, still has his supporters amongst his team mates and the fans at Juventus.

His efforts of the past two seasons have left nobody doubting that his still possesses more than a little ability.

And whilst he admits that he would "move at the drop of a hat" if an NSL offer came along, he is happy to stay on at Brunswick.

"If the president (Joe Mirabella) is there Terry (coach Hennessey) will be there," he explained.

"If he is there I will stay on."

"It's a good club even though I am a little bit disappointed that we didn't get back up."

"One of the main reasons I stayed for the past two years was because I thought we'd go straight back up."

"Promotion might be the only way I'll get the chance to play in the NSL again."

The chances of Lane moving are negligible anyway.

Juventus would more than likely want a hefty slice of its \$30,000 outlay back in return.

Once again it all comes back to that wretched transfer fee.

"Sometimes I just want to cry — I can't even watch NSL matches at times I feel so bad," he says.

"That \$30,000 was the worst thing that has happened in my career and if I'd known what was going to happen back then, I'd have stayed where I was."

I wonder if there aren't a few lessons in Lane's story for up-and-coming youngsters with visions of champion status one day?

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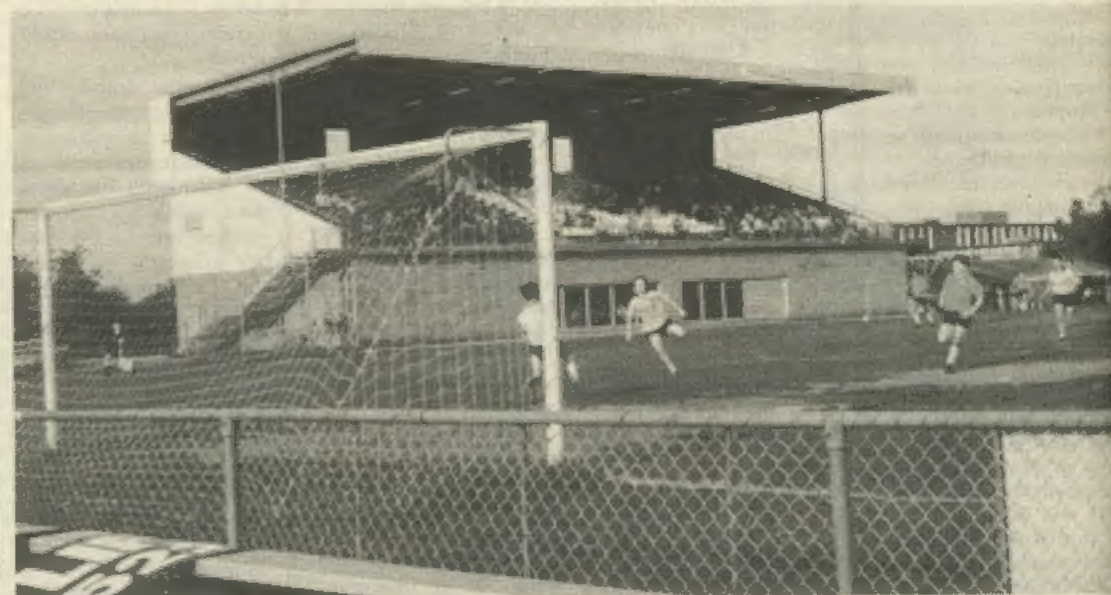
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Action from a recent Ansett World Cup match involving Australia and Chile. Aussie striker Oliver Pandolfak (centre) scored a hat-trick in the 8-2 demolition of the South Americans.

Putting the Seal on a top career

BY LOU GAUTIER



DAVID SEAL: at the crossroads of his young career.

IT seems to me that young David Seal will fast lose the goodwill his precious talents has engendered if his attitude does not change.

Actually, it may well be fairer to say if the attitude of his advisors doesn't change, as most of his alleged complaints in the press about the unfair treatment he claims to be getting at Marconi appear to have emanated from his dad.

There's nothing wrong with a father protecting the interests of a teenage son; in fact, it's quite normal and the opposite would be surprising.

Seal, 18, and his father are quoted as complaining in several newspapers about the youngster's non-automatic starting spot at Marconi.

In the articles they have gone so far as to threaten to seek a transfer unless Seal is guaranteed a berth in the club's starting line-up in a case of picking up the ball and going home.

This is going over the top as no player anywhere can, and should, dictate to his coach, whoever he may be.

Marconi spent big bucks — \$35,000 — to secure Seal from Sydney Croatia after, incidentally, more harsh comments from his English-born father regarding the club.

Whether these comments, to wit, that Seal Sr was anxious to remove his talented young son from a club which was far too politically motivated, were justified or not — and I believe many probably thought they were — is not the point.

Some parents can love their children to death.

In David Seal's case, at only 18 years of age, I consider he faces the danger of already being tagged as a "trouble-maker", someone difficult to deal with.

It could well handicap his career, and that would be a shame as he is a fine player, one with loads of potential.

Perhaps winning the QNSL goalscoring title at so young an age last season came too soon for the player and the entourage that no doubt has his well-being to heart.

Seal will have to pay his dues.

And part of paying them is to accept your coach's decisions, no matter how unfair they might appear — that's what being a professional is all about.

Berti Mariani, as coach of Marconi, will stand or fall on his on and off the field decisions.

And as one of his players, and virtually a beginner, Seal has to accept them.

He is doing his future no good at all but if he develops a reputation as a "whinger".

My advice to David Seal, truly potentially one of the future stars of Australian soccer, is to put any petulance aside and to accept Mariani's decisions

as part of his growing up process — both as man and as a soccer player.

It should be said at the same time that Mariani has proved to be no slouch when it comes to putting some outstanding football teams on the park.

It seems that Mariani benched him recently because he had had a tough week training at the AIS with the Australian Under 20 squad.

Plenty of Marconi's big squad of stars have spent some time on the bench — or out of the squad, and returned the better for it.

Overall, if Seal doesn't accept Mariani's advice, his career is likely to be short and unfulfilled.

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Marconi soccer chairman, Mr Remo Nogarotto revealed that following frank discussions with both David Seal and his father Roger, any problem or misunderstanding which may have existed between the player and the club have been resolved.

"This club has always prided itself on its professionalism and it was always going to be a matter of simply talking through the problems and concerns of both parties in a rational and mature fashion", said Mr Nogarotto.

"The bottom line however, is that no individual — player or official — is bigger than the club itself, and it must be clearly understood by all that ultimately, the decision of club and coach must remain unchallengeable".

"David Seal remains one of the most exciting and talented prospects on the Australian soccer market. The club has never changed its opinion of him, both as a player and individual, this minor incident will not cause it to do so".

Ansett 1990 World Cup Soccer

Round 3 results: Portugal 4 Argentina 3, Spain 2 El Salvador 3, Chile 1 Malta 1, Turkey 0 Yugoslavia 3, Scotland 0 Australia 3, Poland 2 Mauritius 7, England 4 Hungary 1, Greece 5 Albania 0.

Quarter final games are

Sat 24th November: 1pm Winner from Group B Aus-

tralia v Runner-up Group D Hungary

Sat 24th November: 3pm Winner from Group D England v Runner-up Group B Chile

Sun 25th November: 1pm Winner from Group C Portugal v Runner-up Group A Yugoslavia

Sun 25th November: 3pm Winner from Group A Greece v Runner-up Group C Mauritius

Semi-finals.

6.30pm Winner of (Australia v Hungary) versus Winner of (Greece vs Mauritius)

8.30pm Winner of (Portugal vs Yugoslavia) versus Winner of (England vs Chile).

Melbourne Croatia's Mandekic denies Grgic is under siege

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE Croatia president Steve Mandekic has denied suggestions that club coach of just eight weeks, Ante Grgic, has threatened to resign if the club isn't top of the NSL ladder in two weeks' time.

Grgic was alleged to have told his players that he would quit if Croatia wasn't at the head of the table after its game with Sydney Olympic in round ten.

Sources close to the players say they believe that a number are unhappy with Grgic and his training methods.

They leaked the news to ASW following Melbourne Croatia's shock loss to Wollongong City.

The club committee is stated to have been made aware of their disappointment in Grgic and his methods, but Mandekic said he was unaware of any such problems.

PELE FIASCO

Disgust and disillusionment seem barely strong enough to describe the feelings of parents, at the treatment of NSW top amateur soccer players, when supposedly presented to Pele at Sydney Football Ground.

After a one and half hour drive from Wollongong, our boys barely caught a glimpse of the "Sportsman of the Century".

Some teams from other districts never actually got into the stadium before Pele left.

While one could never question Pele's ability with the soccer ball, after such a fiasco, I for one am left wondering whether his so-called affinity for children is no more than media hype to sell books.

If this seems harsh it's possibly because I saw the looks on the faces of the children who were absolutely devastated.

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, who after some investigation appears to have been deceived also, should still accept some responsibility.

Being the representative body for all the players involved, it should actively pursue this matter with the promotions company involved.

To top the evening off the players were threatened with eviction by security if they did not leave the area.

If this is the way soccer allows top young players to be treated, then little wonder so many are lost to other sports.

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"I don't know where you people get these things from," he told me.

"I haven't heard any of these — we're in the top five and we're quite happy."

When told that at least eight senior stars were furious about Grgic's attitude and methods, Mandekic admitted that there had been problems with language.

Grgic speaks only

Croatian.

"But I'm sure he (Grgic) is not stupid enough to say that he would resign as you suggested," Mandekic said.

"If he has, I know nothing of it."

Senior players, meanwhile, have clammed up.

A number of senior players are believed to no longer be on speaking terms with the coach.

JEFF OLVER COLUMN

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A great JOE MONTEMURRO picture of Steve Blair (left) outjumping Sunshine midfielder Chris Ketsakidis.

THIS week I spoke to Ken Slack, junior secretary of Victoria, about the positive things that came out of the National Junior Council meeting held in Sydney.

One point was the recommendation of a Development Committee to look at the game from a grass roots level in conjunction with Steve Darby, the newly appointed National Development Officer.

Also for the first time the meeting was attended by a coach from the Australian Soccer Federation.

Les Scheinflug's attendance was seen as a positive step, as the two bodies can work together for Soccer's growth.

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Congratulations to

Steve Blair for being named the Soccer Personality of the year for Victoria.

No doubt he was a deserved winner — all you have to do is look at his playing career.

Steve has had twelve years with South Melbourne Hellas, has never been dropped in that time, and is some twelve games away from three hundred and most of all a gentleman on and off the field.

Also congratulations to Kevin Muscat for being named the Michael Weinstein Young Player of the Year.

Kevin, a product of Sunshine George Cross, has represented Victoria at U13, U14, U15 and U16 levels and has also played a handful of games for the seniors.

Kevin is currently at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL TAKES ON THE WORLD

THIS Wednesday (Nov. 28) will see the departure of no less than 11 Australian Futsal representative teams travelling as far afield as Canada and Costa Rica.

In fact, the Futsal squads, ranging from U12 to All Age will cross the borders of six different countries and play a varied selection of local metropolitan and representative teams.

As can be appreciated, a tremendous amount of effort and co-operation was necessary to ensure the success of every trip.

Congratulations must be extended to the Australian Futsal Federation and the best of luck to both players and coaches

— DAVID SMEDLEY

U112 BOYS

T. Wickstein (Q), A. Gordon (Q), S. Fisher (Q), J. Curtis (ACT), C. Deguara (NSW), D. Kerti (NSW), J. Burns (NSW), M. Allen (NSW), B. Gourley (NSW), A. Mercuri (NSW), P. Ifandoudis (NSW), C. Gonzales (NSW). Coach: Les Gabor. Manager: Frank Mercuri

U113 BOYS

T. Hill (NSW), G. McGaugan (NSW), M. Boroa (NSW), S. Richards (ACT), R. Davidson (Q), S. Wallace (ACT), S. Eagleton (NSW), R. Neal (ACT), R. Panetta (NSW), S. Zaami (NSW). Coach: Peter Gourlay. Manager: George Hill.

U114 BOYS

P. Foulas (NSW), S. Geraghty (NSW), C. Giometti (NSW), C. Iconomou (NSW), J. Angelucci (NSW), S. Bradford (NSW), L. Langone (ACT), N. Hart (ACT), R. Rice (ACT), D. Hoefsmut (NSW), S. Conlon (ACT). Coach: Wally Conlon. Coach: Sati Exposito. Manager: Gary Rice.

Argentina

The U12, U13 and U14 squads will hopefully prove as much a handful for their Argentinian competitors as they undoubtedly will for their tour leaders. These squads will play a total of eight games in Rosario and Buenos Aires.

U120 WOMEN

J. Wingrove (NSW), D. Hyde (NSW), L. Edmundson (NSW), T. Pinto (ACT), L. Bamford (ACT), T. Pampa (ACT), L. Bone (Q), K. Pampa (ACT), T. Griskatus (NSW). Coach: Zoran Kilbar. Manager: Wendy Thomas

U115 WOMEN

M. Clayton (NSW), T. Carr (ACT), V. Porter (NSW), L. Bensley (ACT), N. Matic (), N. Ward (ACT), K. Rayner (ACT), R. Dawson (NSW), P. Dawson (NSW), J. Skinner (NSW), M. Tippins (NSW). Coach: Lal Byers

USA/Canada

The U15 and U20 girls' teams will travel to Seattle USA where they will play five games. It will then be onto Nanaimo, Canada where they will compete in three games.

U123 MEN

B. Duval (NSW), S. Duval (NSW), G. Saville (NSW), B. Glassop (NSW), G. Tour (NSW), D. Bennell (NSW), J. White (NSW), R. Noggler (Vic). Coach: Bernie Duval. Manager: Ron Simpson.



STEVE DUVAL — to visit North Central America.

U118 MEN

D. Simpson (NSW), C. Eagleton (NSW), C. Kobas (ACT), S. Archison (ACT), C. Alarcon (ACT), D. de Bernadi (NSW), A. Siketa (Vic). Coach: Bernie Duval. Manager: Ron Simpson.

Costa Rica

Central America will be the destination for the U/23 and U/18 squads. A 13-day stay in San Jose, Costa Rica, will see both teams up against strong local opposition.

ALL-AGE WOMEN

T. Jones (Vic), D. Cooperthwaite (NSW), A. Sein (ACT), T. McCann (NSW), C. Monk (Vic), K. Lembryk (NSW), C. Church (Vic), C. Heydon (NSW), B. Brown (NSW), N. Komoposki (NSW). Coach: Nick Nicolopoulos. Physio: Archie Kazas.

U120 MEN

D. Muscat (Q), A. Nicolaidis (Vic), R. Harmat (NSW), R. Davis (NSW), J. Papas (Q), B. Hewitt (NSW), D. Toohey (ACT). Coach: Nick Nicolopoulos. Physio: Archie Kazas. Referees: Mr I. Timms, Mr Alex Sacchero

Argentina/Uruguay

The Australian All Age Women and U20 mens teams will be travelling to Argentina and then onto Uruguay.

The squads will play a selection of metropolitan sides as well as competing in the World Indoor Championships.



Nick Nicolopoulos, coach of the Australian All-Age women's and under 20s men sides, on the left while visiting Mexico for the Pacific Cup last year.

U115 BOYS

M. Greentree (ACT), T. Bohm (ACT), N. Jamsek (NSW), M. McCone (ACT), B. White (Q), G. McGavigan (NSW), M. Jones (NSW), P. Currao (NSW), D. Radovic (NSW), D. Smith (NSW), J. Cowan (NSW). Coach: Alois Jamsek. Manager: Bob McCone. Assistant Manager: Stan Greentree

U117 MEN

G. McGee (NSW), A. Cross (NSW), A. Lobo (NSW), A. Crea (NSW), D. Mitrovic (NSW), G. French (NSW), S. Bohm (ACT), E. Zwankgoban (ACT), M. Fisk (NSW), A. Loneragan (Q). Coach: Stan Fisk.

Mexico

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STEVE TASIOS

SM Hellas Heidelberg 0

CUP holders South Melbourne Hellas came through the first round, easing up as they defeated Heidelberg 2-0.

A burst of pressure all but decided the game within the first half hour, with South Melbourne streaking to the lead it never looked likely to lose.

The league leader, which extended its unbeaten run to eight games with this result, went ahead after just 12 minutes when a near perfect pass from Paul Wade set up Steve Tasios for the match opener, with Tasios turning the ball home from a tight angle on the near post.

South Melbourne struck again three minutes later from the penalty spot, but had what looked like a perfectly executed penalty disallowed by referee, John Santa Isabel.

The penalty call came after Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver had upended Kimon Tahadoros as the burly forward charges into the box.

Trimboli scored from the spot kick, but Santa Isabel ruled that a South Melbourne player had encroached into the penalty area and the kick had to be retaken.

Trimboli stepped up to the spot once again, but this time Oliver was equal to the task and he dived acrobatically to save.

But South had to wait only a further 13 minutes before the referee awarded yet another penalty, this time as Stuart Cannell brought down Tasios in the area.

Mick Petersen took this spot kick to make it 2-0.

South Melbourne then relaxed and allowed the bullocking Bergers a chance to make a match of it.

But despite a hard working display from gallant midfielder Phil Stubbins, Heidelberg could make few inroads.

St George 2

DEPLETED St George had no answer to quicksilver Adelaide City in a NSL Cup canter on Wednesday at Hindmarsh Stadium.



AURELIO VIDMAR

The final 2-0 scoreline flattered St George which was without Andy Koczka, Matthew Bingley, Zoran Ilic and Randell Easthorpe.

City was in superb form.

Apart from the opening 15 minutes when St George played with enterprise and endeavour and nearly was rewarded with a Dominic Longo shot that cannoned off the crossbar, City dominated.

The midfield engineroom with Hungarian import Robert Csoboth playing his best game yet for City, gave the Saints no respite. City took the lead in 18 minutes when skipper

THE NSL Cup kicked off last week, with six matches.

Holders South Melbourne Hellas started the defence of their trophy successfully, with a win over Heidelberg, but last season's runners-up Sydney Olympic, went down to Apia Leichhardt.

Preston and Melita Eagles had Round 1 byes.

The second round will be played on Wednesday December 5.

The draw is: Melita Eagles v Adelaide City, South Melbourne v Sunshine GC, Wollongong City v Apia Leichhardt and Marconi Fairfield v Preston Macedonia.

Wednesday night's results were:

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Tasios 12, Peterson pen 28) HEIDELBERG 0 at Olympic Park Melbourne. Crowd: 5,569 (Double header).

MARCONI 1 (Z. Nastevski) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,443.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (C. Foster) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 5,569 (Double header). WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Oldridge) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1,429.

APIA 2 (T. Lemezina, P. McFadden) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (R. Ironside) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,750.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (S. Melita, J. Mullen) ST GEORGE 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1,792.

NSL CUP ROUND 2 PARRAMATTA MELITA v ADELAIDE C SOUTH MELBOURNE v SUNSHINE GC WOLL CITY v APIA LEICHHARDT MARCONI v PRESTON MACEDONIA

notes when skipper Melita, reprieved from suspension netted from the spot after El Ali handled in the box.

A dynamic Tony Vidmar run 20 minutes later ended in a deep back post cross being half-volleyed home in style by Joe Mullen.

City, with the cushion of two goals and Alex Tobin in domineering form at the back, looked to put on the brakes.

But the expected second-half cruise resulted in a cavalry assault of attacks as City carved up the Saints.

Aurelio Vidmar could have had a hat-trick but for some diabolical misses. He even had one shot to an empty goal come back off a post.

Paul Shilabeer and Steven Maxwell then got in each other's way to conjure up another miss and impressive John Filan produced the save of the night to deny Ernie Tapai who had darted through the Saint's defence with a thrilling run.

Frank Arok was a disappointed man as he left the Hindmarsh dressing rooms with head bowed.

City coach Zoran Matic said: "This was like a friendly. We wanted to win but by the easiest way we could."

"We intended to cruise after the interval but we still dominated 90-95 per cent of the game and had many more chances."

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A second half goal

from Jason Oldridge gave Wollongong City a hard fought 1-0 win over neighbours Wollongong Macedonia.

Oldridge struck in the 56th minute in what turned out to be a poor spectacle with its share of controversy.

Macedonia defender Darren Wilson was sent off by referee John O'Connell eight minutes from the end after a bad tackle on Wolves defender, Ivo Cahut.

Wilson had earlier been one of six players — three from each side — shown yellow cards by O'Connell.

Macedonia also lost key midfielder Zlatko Markoski eight minutes after the interval after a clash with City's Charlie Yankos.

An angry Macedonia coach John Fleming was critical of Yankos' tackle on Markovski, after the player was carried from the ground with a painful knee injury.

Fleming said he thought Yankos should have been sent off for the foul.

Oldridge's match-winning effort was almost a comical affair and came after Wolves' Zivko Hristovski sent fellow midfielder Claudio Cellini on a clear run.

Cellini's shot was blocked by Macedonia keeper Warwick Young, and the ball came to rest almost on the goal line.

Defender Jason Dunn looked to have the situation under control but hesitated as he looked set to kick the ball clear, allowing Oldridge time to move in and slam the ball into



Graeme Fletcher of Wollongong Macedonia in a typical aerial skirmish for the football. Photo: JANUSZ KAMMA.

the net. Overall, the game was a typical local derby with plenty of tough tackling.

Sunshine GC 2

SUNSHINE George Cross scored one of the upsets of the first round when it downed Melbourne Croatia 1-0 in the early game at Olympic Park on Wednesday night.

A 68th minute goal from man of the match Craig Foster settled the issue, although his team wasted many opportunities.

Seventeen-year-old forward striker Mitch Cattermole was the main culprit as he squandered some excellent chances before half-time.

In the event it took a spectacular goal from midfielder Foster to turn the match in Sunshine's favour.

The winner came from a free kick just outside the penalty area, with Damian Mori running over the ball and leaving Foster to send the shot around the defence and past Croatia goalkeeper David Miller.

Foster's delight nearly turned into despair 10 minutes later when he came within centimetres of turning a Francis Awaritefe cross into his own net, as Melbourne Croatia did its best to fight its way back into the cut-throat tie.

Sunshine had a let-off two minutes from full time when Chris Ketsakidis was forced to make a spectacular clearance inside the six yard box from the feet of the rampaging Awar-

itefe. Croatia had already had its share of luck in the first half when Sunshine was twice denied a goal by the woodwork.

Mori hit a shot from close range against the crossbar in the 15th minute and young Cattermole showed his inexperience by hitting an upright when faced with an open goal from eight metres out.

The victory underlined the potential of the youngest side in the National Soccer League and extended Sunshine's run to only a single defeat in its last five games.

Evergreen Marconi 1

EVERGREEN Marconi striker Zlatko Nastevski netted his first goal since returning from a knee reconstruction operation to put his team through to the second round of NSL Cup.

Afterwards the former leading NSL scorer, who usually lets his boots do the talking, said: "I can only hope that this will be the fore-runner of many more."

The goal, which gave Marconi a 1-0 win over Sydney Croatia, arrived in the 58th minute.

Midfielder Tom McCulloch despatched a through ball to Mark Jones, who crossed neatly for Nastevski to gain possession and score.

The match produced some very skilful football, but Croatia was handicapped by the absence of key players.

Although Marconi had the better chances

in a goalless first half, Sydney Croatia continually tried to catch them on the break and went close through Zeljko Jurin, John Gibson and Ivan Peikovic.

The first half began quite slowly, but after 15 minutes play both sides, and particularly Marconi, strung together some fine passages of football.

In the 15th minute Marconi's John Markovski had the Croatia defence wrong footed, but his attempt to score was cleared off the line.

Striker David Seal and midfielder David Lowe also went close, but the man who did the most was midfielder Peter Katholos, who was superb on the ball at this stage.

Afterwards Marconi coach Bert Mariani said: "We tried a different formation tonight with our wingers playing wide and David Lowe pulled back into midfield, — a variation which will add versatility to our plans."

It also confounded Croatia's match plan on the night.

Croatia's Tony Vrzina said: "The game was never competitive enough. Displaying skills is one thing but we have to give the people much more than that."

APIA Leichhardt 2

APIA Leichhardt knocked out Sydney Olympic, NSL Cup finalists for the past two seasons, 2-1 in round 1 last Wednesday night at St George Stadium.

Ironically it was Olympic that took the lead as early as the fourth minute, when rugged midfielder Robbie Ironside scored with a crashing volley from six metres.

Man of the match was Apia's intelligent midfielder, Klaus Okon, who in fact set up both of Apia's goals.

Ten minutes from half-time, Apia striker Tony Lemezina headed home a cross from Okon to balance the books.

But one minute before half-time, Olympic should have scored again when Scott Ollerenshaw broke away through two tackles to push the ball wide to the right for striker Sorras.

But Sorras, under no pressure, immediately blasted the ball well over Apia's cross-bar from 12 metres out.

Fourteen minutes after half-time, Apia hit the lead which they never relinquished.

That man Okon again was the architect. He placed a lovely through-ball to striker Paul McFadden, who steadied himself from 12 metres out before belting his drive into the bottom left corner of the net.

Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat



Zeljko Jurin, left, has proved a great acquisition for Sydney Croatia. He prefers a role as a wing striker.

Sydney Croatia made a late start with their preparations on the local scene after their trip for matches to Croatia.

However, they managed to overcome that trauma and have already reached a very respectable position on the NSL table. But then the dreaded lurch struck, and they are having to press forward in the face of injuries galore. Ace defender Ned Zelic has been playing although he should be resting his badly blistered feet. Mike Grbevski could be out for another five weeks due to a broken toe, whilst Gordon Scott has damaged knee ligaments. Rising midfielder Scott Wells has a broken collarbone, and defender Ante Milisevic a bad shoulder. Add to that the fact that Pedro Ricoy and Manis

Lamond are carrying on although they should really be resting up for a match or two. Clayton Koch, Zelko Jurin and Robert Stanton are, of course, all glad to have the chance to show their wares.

As at last week, the Sunshine George Cross young brigade were NSL topscorers of the entire 14 clubs. They had picked up 14 goals in their previous five games.

South Melbourne's stalwart defender Steve Blair is on the road back after having said stitches in his forehead at the Sunshine GC game. This was his second troublesome injury for the season to date.

Whoops! The dividends have been on

the rise for Australian Soccer Pools' competitions on British football. But they went off last week with a \$551,970 57 bang.

Robert Harmat, the St George U19 player and member of the U19 national team, leaves on Wednesday with the Australian U20 indoor team for Argentina and Uruguay. He will be breaking his return trip in Toronto, Canada, to meet his grandmother on his mother's side for the first time. Earlier on part of the family migrated to Australia and part to Canada. Robert is the son of the well known journalist with Sydney newspaper, Nova Doba, Frank Harmat.

Sydney Olympic exited from the NSL Cup in the first round last Wednesday night, and will now have to concentrate on their quest to come up the ladder in the league competition. Club supporters are hoping to have former star strikers Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards back on the park after finishing their engagements in Singapore. On Wednesday three of their regular stars, Andrew Bernal, Grant Lee and Eric Hristodoulou were all out due to injuries.

Wollongong Macedonia has signed Robert Giraldi from Illawarra club, Port Kembla. Giraldi was a former junior for Macedonia in 1980, and under then coach Mike Johnson was top goalscorer for a number of years in the early eighties in the NSW 2nd division. He also had NSL experi-

ence with Wollongong City. The club has also signed young Sutherland striker, Grant Bard.

Outstanding goalkeeper Warwick Young has made a comeback after breaking his leg in a pre-season match early last season in the NSW State League. He has played his first match in 10 months with Wollongong Macedonia.

Victorian State League side Morwell Falcons will have a floodlit stadium next season.

A results report on the Apia Leichhardt-Sydney Olympic NSL cup tie at St George Stadium on Wednesday night brought some interesting reading. Apia's scorer was recorded as "T Lemie Zina." Will the real Tony Lemezina please stand up!

Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Clint Gosling, who lives in Newcastle, almost missed last Wednesday night's NSL Cup tie against Apia. His car broke down on the Newcastle Expressway, and the NRMA gave him a lift to the nearest railway station. From there he caught a train to Artarmon, picking up a taxi to St George Stadium at Rockdale, where he arrived just 10 minutes before kick off.

Young Apia midfielder Maurice Reyes made an outstanding impression in the NSL Cup last Wednesday night. He had a 15

minute run, after coming on as replacement for the talented Brad Maloney.

SKIPPER Sergio Melta and Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso have been reported to the NSL after last week's scoreless draw against Preston at Hindmarsh. Melta was sent off early in the second-half for using foul and abusive language in protesting over what he felt should have been a City free-kick for a challenge on Ernie Tapai. He also is to be named in a supplementary referees' report to the NSL over his behaviour. Caruso, the high-ranking City clubman, who was in the players' race at the end of the game, also will figure in a report over alleged inflammatory comments made.

Zlatko Arambasic has shaken off the injury that kept him sidelined for two months and is going great guns in Mechelen's reserves. The talented youngster is now waiting for his chance to break into the glamour Belgian side's first team.

National Futsal coach Nick Nicolopoulos will be touring Argentina and Uruguay with the national under 20 mens and senior women's indoor teams.

YOUNGSTER Willie Hashe is doing well in his professional career with Celtic in Glasgow. The former Joey made his debut in the reserves two weeks ago.



EDDIE KRNCVIC

Willie had a dream start, laying on the goal that drew the game 1-1. After the match, Celtic manager Billy McNeill, complimented the Aussie for this efforts.

Preston midfielder Michael Branov, who played with Victorian State League side Bulleen last season.

Eddie Krncevic, who had to miss last week's Belgian league match with his club, FC Liege, has bought a night club in Mladost, just outside Zagreb. He attended the opening personally last Friday week. The establishment is called "The Best".

Also in Belgium, Jason Polak has emerged as Kortrijk's best midfielder. Although he plays a for relegation-threatened club, he has been getting excellent press reviews since officially transferring from Panathinaikos.

Jason van Blerk became a regular first team starter for Sankt Truiden the week after signing his contract. He too has done well in his first three matches in Belgium, but Sankt Truiden, like Kortrijk, are very much concerned by relegation.



JASON POLAK

Bobby Russell is the new coach of Victorian Premier League side Albion Turk Gucu. The former NSL Rothmans Gold Medal winner, who coached Mooroolbark in between two trips to Brazil this year, is likely to be player-coach.

Heidelberg are working hard to sign former



South Melbourne Hellas players celebrating their stunning come-from behind 4-3 NSL win over Sunshine George Cross on Sunday week. They were down 1-3 with less than 20 minutes remaining.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Super Cup heats up

BY MARIO RITCHART

PENAROL of Uruguay defeated Boca Juniors of Argentina 2-0 to advance to the semi-finals of the South American Super Cup.

Penarol took the lead with a goal by Silvera after good lead-up work from midfielder Rodriguez.

Boca then fought desperately for the equaliser, but to no avail, and Penarol remained dangerous on the counter-attack.

The Uruguayans made sure of victory in the 84th minute when striker Baran was brought down inside the box by Boca's Grunta and substitute Villar scored from the spot.

In another Super Cup quarter-final, at Montevideo's Centenario Stadium, Nacional of Uruguay also reached the semi-finals by beating Argentinos Juniors 3-1 to cancel out a 2-1 loss in the first leg.

Ernesto Vargas in the 70th minute, Cabrera in the 87th and Daniel Revelez in the 90th scored for the home team while midfielder Jorge Ortega netted for the Argentinians.

The dramatic match ended on a nasty note when the visitors abused Chilean referee Gaston Castro after Nacional's tie-winning late goal, alleging that the goal was scored after the referee had blown the final whistle.

Argentinos goalkeeper Goyen, midfielder Batista and defender Coloccini were sent off after that goal.



Nacional will meet Estudiantes de la Plata and Penarol face Olimpia of Paraguay in the semi-finals.

COLO COLO increased their lead in the Chilean championship after a 2-0 away win over Deportes Iquique and Universidad Catolica's 1-1 draw in Calmas with Cobrelina.

Other results: Universidad de Chile 3 Cobresal 0, Concepcion 3 O'Higgins 1, Palestino 2 La Serena 2, Naval 1 Huachipato 0, Wanderers 1 Vial 0, Union-Espanola 2 Everton 0.

Colo Colo lead with 30 points, followed by Catolica with 27 and Palestino and Espanola, both on 22.

BAMBRIDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIAN referee and FIFA badge holder Chris Bambridge has been selected to represent Australia at the Oceania qualifying round of the first FIFA under 17 world championship.

The tournament will be held in Napier, New Zealand, from 12-20 January, 1991.

Bambridge, 43, is Australia's most experienced referee. He has been on the

FIFA list since 1980 and has refereed at four of FIFA's major tournaments — the under 16 World Cup, the World Youth Championships, the Olympic Games and the World Cup finals in Mexico.

Bambridge, who began his refereeing career in Britain, moved to Australia in 1974 and has been a member of the NSL's referees' panel since its inception in 1977.

He is also president of the Victorian division of the Australian Referees' Federation.

NSW is looking to much better days, following the issuing of draws for the 1991 First and Second Divisions to the clubs involved.

The 12 team First Division looks a huge improvement on 1990's ungainly Conferences A and B, which included largely uncompetitive teams from National Soccer League ranks.

Gone is the Inter Monaro club of Queenbeyan, which unfortu-

nately has to sort out its finances with the NSW Soccer Federation before being cleared to the ACT Soccer Federation.

It's a great pity for the club's hard workers, who really deserve assistance to get them back on their feet.

Turkish-backed Southern Districts won promotion, although it is believed they have to resolve a ground problem at Ernie Smith Reserve.

Their entry raises the

question which senior soccer club will pick up the immensely worthwhile name of Liverpool?

Improvements to the Serbian Centre ground should see Avala using it next season.

Manly-North Shore will compete as one club based on Cromer Park, the best soccer arena on the north side.

The First Division will comprise Avala, Blacktown City, Canberra, Canterbury-Marrickville, Manly-North Shore, Newcastle BHP Austral, Polonia, Rockdale, Southern Districts, Sutherland Shire, Sydney Macedonia and Warringah Freshwater.

NSW Soccer Federation general manager Ian Holmes said: "We have asked the clubs to send in their logos."

"Suitable logos are one of the basic points to help the establishment of a viable marketing campaign."

Cyprus United are the big winners for Second Division.

They ran third in Third Division in 1990,

but gained promotion along with the two clubs above them, Port Hacking and Mt Pritchard Sports Club.

Cyprus is supported by the big Cypriot club at Stanmore — the former Newtown Leagues Club.

An announcement concerning the securing of a major ground is on the way.

Although Fairfield City, previously Uruguayan Penrith, ran third in Second Division, the Federation had reasons to drop them from Second division.

Roseberry Portugal has been demoted to Third Division.

The Second Division comprises Auburn Yugal, Campbelltown Vikings, Central Coast, Cyprus United, Dulwich Hill, Gladesville-Hornsby, Granville Chile, Petersham, Port Hacking and Waverley.



Sermanni prepares for Canberra's future

BY GRAM COOK

THE team which has served Canberra well over the last two or three seasons is breaking up and there will be a need for new blood in 1991, coach Tom Sermanni says.



TOM SERMANNI

Recently re-appointed to lead Canberra's campaign through the next NSW season and hopefully into a re-organised QNT National League in October, Sermanni said the choice of staff over the next few weeks will be crucial.

"With so little time between NSW and QNSL season we will have to build a team capable of taking the club through 12 months of virtually continuous soccer," he said.

"That means a team able to compete in the national as well as the NSW leagues."

He said the Canberra board had assured him money would be available to buy the right men.

"The kind of people we will look at are quality young players who haven't quite established themselves in the QNSL at the moment."

And he said he was an admirer of the system currently employed at Sunshine George Cross, which has a large group of former Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holders.

"Have no fear that I will be looking very closely at what the institute is producing at the moment and what they have produced in the past," he said.

"But we may also be looking overseas. I still have a few contacts in Britain and of course my predecessor as coach, Jimmy Shouder, is over there and in a good position to recommend players."

"Within the next month I hope to have sorted out the basis for a squad, and of course we have to negotiate contracts."

"Again, players must realise that we will be looking not just

to the winter, but a summer National League season.

"If any of the current squad don't feel like making that kind of commitment, I for one will not be standing in the way of them going elsewhere."

"I've had some preliminary discussions with (director of soccer) Mirko Skrnjug and we have some ideas — obviously we would want Andy Ravanella from last year's youth team, and we'll also be talking to the others, including Tommy Mullin and Jason Swan."

"I wouldn't mind taking a closer look at Martin and Steve Lazari, Gary Van Der Plaet and Lea Hamilton from the ACT League, but I would ask any player who wants to have to go to come along to our early training sessions — I've been handicapped in the past by not being able to see enough local games."

Which brings him on to another subject — the need to avoid clashes between Canberra's home games and ACT League matches.

"We are talking a maximum of 11 Sundays during next winter," he said.

"The club has taken an enormous step in dropping 'Croatia' from its title and there is a need for a more complete relationship between it and the soccer community at large."

"I don't think anyone would disagree that this area needs National League soccer. The spin-offs for the local game are obvious and any assistance clubs can give us in achieving this aim is invaluable."

Steve Walker — Tassie scorer

BY WALTER FLESS

STEVE Walker, striker for Tasmanian Cadbury State League club, Hobart Juventus, started the 1990 season in whirlwind fashion, scoring eleven goals in ten matches.

He wasn't able to keep up that sort of performance, but he remains one of the sharpest strikers in the State.

The 30-year-old Englishman, born in Leeds but raised in Norwich, scored over 150 goals in 170 appearances while playing back home for Fakenham Town and Yarmouth Town in the Eastern Counties League.

Walker played in the same youth side as noted English League players Justin and John Fashanu, Trevor Whymark and Clive Woods.

He represented the County of Norfolk and played in the final of the FA Sunday Cup.

A job offer took him to New Zealand, where he spent the past two and half years before moving to Tasmania this year.

Rotorua City and Tokoroa were the clubs he played for in New Zealand and he hit 31 goals in 39 games for the latter club.

"I've been lucky, I suppose, being in the right place at the right time," Walker said, referring to his goalscoring prowess.

"It's instinct more

than anything.

"I'm not playing as well as I could do because I don't like playing as a target man."

"I prefer to play off somebody really, so that I can sniff around for the ball."

"I've always played with lads who are big and strong and who can win the ball because it's not my game to do that, although I can get up there and win it if I have to."

Caledonian approached Walker while he was still in New Zealand and, although he trained with the club upon arrival, he plumped for Hobart Juventus before the Cascade Summer Cup series.

"It was obviously the right move because we've having an excellent season whereas Calies are struggling," Walker said.

"I'm still friendly with the Calies boys and Ian Parker, their player-coach, has always been all right with me."

"Who knows, in a few years' I might go back and play with them."

Walker is quite impressed with the standard of soccer in Tasmania.

"People in New Zealand said it wouldn't be good, but you've got to consider the small size of the population here and the percentage that actually plays soccer."

"I reckon it's quite good, although it's probably a little over-physical at times."

Tasmanian side Olympia-SBT excels on Singapore jaunt

BY WALTER FLESS



TASMANIAN club Olympia-SBT Bank won one game and drew two during its recent tour of Singapore, the first overseas tour by a Tassie side.

Olympia, which finished sixth in this year's Cadbury State League competition, is coached by Ken Morton, a former coach at Wollongong City and Heidelberg United.

The Tasmanian club defeated Police Soccer Club, which is top of the Singapore Division 1, 3-1, in the final game of the tour.

Prior to that, Olympia drew 1-1 with Singapore's Olympic squad and 2-2 with Tiong Bahru, a Singapore Premier League side.

Olympia had several guest players on tour, including goalkeeper Neil Connell (Hobart Juventus), striker Michael Di Pietro (Devonport City) and de-

fender Sav Perri (Hobart Juventus).

Connell, Perri, Mark Koch and Michael Edwards were outstanding in defence against the Singapore Olympic selection.

With the temperature registering 32 degrees Celsius, Olympia found itself a goal down at the interval, but midfielder Craig Nicholls hit the equaliser in the second half.

Nicholls, ably supported in midfield by local guest player, Charlie Scott, might have grabbed a late winner, but his header flashed fractionally wide of an upright.

In the second game of the tour, the speed

of Tiong Bahru had Olympia in trouble in the opening half and the locals led 2-0 at the break.

Only a superb first-half performance by Koch limited the deficit to two goals, one of which came from the penalty spot and the other being hotly disputed because of off-side claims.

Di Pietro's square-pass enabled Nicholls to reduce the arrears, while a Michael Edwards header made it 2-2, a very creditable result for the Tasmanian.

Olympia's players also attended a local match at the National Stadium, played before 70,000 spectators.

The half-time entertainment included a celebrity penalty-kick contest.

Olympia's coach, Ken Morton, participated in this, but his spot-kick hit a post.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Carlos Buzzetti takes dual role

COLOURFUL Carlos Buzzetti has been confirmed as the joint development officer and State director of coaching for

And his task is to etch SA into the top echelon of soccer in Australia.

Buzzetti already has reaped reward.

No fewer than 15,000 schoolkids throughout the State have enjoyed clinics through the Aussie Sports (SA Sports Institute) and SA Soccer Federation.

"We have been to schools all over the city area and in such country areas as Western Borders, Whyalla, Broken Hill, Port Pirie and Port Lincoln," said Buzzetti.

"The Riverland is our next target early next year."

"The program has been very successful. We have introduced a lot of kids to the game — many girls among them."

"Soccer is a game of skill with relatively few injuries and the parents are aware of that. Our schemes have been very good for the game here."

SA also has the best development program in the nation in its Foundation SA Centres of Coaching.

The scheme started four months ago and eventually six centres will operate in the city area at — Elizabeth District, Southern District, Hills, Noarlunga, Eastern zone and North west zone (at Adelaide and Woodville).

The Western Border scheme is up and running. Buzzetti begins one this week at Broken Hill and another starts next month in Whyalla.

Port Pirie will commence in January.

"In the scheme, groups of 20 soccer kids from 11-13 years in each district undertake a program for 40 hours," said Buzzetti.

"Each association then carries on the work in linking sessions with us helping provide coaching and assigning equipment."

"The Bradley Report on the restructure of Australian soccer recommended the SA program as a role model for the rest of the country. It is widely regarded as the best in Australia."

Buzzetti this year has used more than 20 top SA players and coaches in clinics statewide.

"The under-11s and under-12s will reap the full benefit of the scheme," said Buzzetti. "They are learning the basics and developing their skills levels."

"In the long term,

we hope to identify talent for State teams so that we can compete much better."

SA looks sure to benefit from a pipeline of budding, young talent from the innovative, skills program which is being shadowed overseas.

As many as 600-700 soccer kids are expected to go through the program.

SA has run one Level 1 (Basic) coaching course each month in the city and country throughout the year.

There has been one Level 2 course (intermediate) and Level 2 and 3 courses will be run in January, 1991 at

Flinders University.

National director of coaching Mike Wells, whom Buzzetti succeeded, Queensland director of coaching Bruce Stowell and Townsville coaching chief Andy Bettell will head the Flinders coaching panel for the joint courses which already have attracted 40 applicants.

"Next year, too, we hope to offer senior players the chance to take part in Level 1 and 2 courses so they can go out and pass on their skills to young players at school level," said Buzzetti.

Coaching supremo

COACH Rab Jones has left Noarlunga after a disagreement over policy.

But the wily soccer veteran wants to stay in the game next season.

Adelaide Hellas will not rush into making an appointment of coach for the new Foundation SA State League season.

As part of a more measured, professional approach to its affairs, the club has appointed a sports director and panel to check out options for the coaching role.

"We don't want to make any rash moves. We want things to be more thought out in future," said club

president John Angelos.

"It will be to the good of soccer if we bring more logic into how we operate. We have not had too good a track record and it is time to be more measured in our approach."

"So we will look at the overall view of the club and try to handle things in a much more professional manner and improve the image of Hellas."

"We shall have a different style of management and will try to bring on the youth."

SPORTS firm Umbro will be a major backer of soccer in SA next season.

The firm takes over

Buzzetti, Neil Bonnar and Sam Miskelly themselves are to attend a third elite coaches seminar from November 29 to December 2 in Canberra.

Among the international guest lecturers are — Dr William Kramer, of Pennsylvania State University; Dr Tudor Bompas, of York University, Toronto and Dr Heinz Mechling, of the Federal Institute of Sports Science, Cologne.

Leading Australian experts on developing young athletes also will provide talk, discussion and workshop sessions.

from Mitre as the supplier of balls and gear for the SA Soccer Federation.

Meanwhile, John Dnistrijanski has been returned as president of USC Lion-Grange for next season.

His nephew Steven is chairman with Ken Tsipokas vice-chairman, Robert Sharpe secretary and Jurek Dnistrijanski treasurer.

Other appointments are: marketing manager, George Kiernik, club delegate, Mick Olsksyn, bar manager Roman Zapotczyn, social organiser Julie Oleksyn, committee — Roman Murawsky, Dave Smith, Wally Udyecz, Ivan Hawryliw, John Tarasenko and Nick Nyncz.

Flounders, Santrac leave NSL ranks



NEVILLE FLOUNDERS

TWO of Adelaide City's favourite sons, Neville Flounders and Adrian Santrac, have retired from the NSL.

Big defender Flounders gave striker teammate Steve Maxwell a playful reminder when the announcement was made.

"Wear your shinpads next season if we meet up in the State League," he warned.

That was typical of the good spirit among Adelaide City players as they gathered at Hindmarsh to farewell Flounders and Adrian Santrac.

Santrac and Flounders were presented with gold watches after calling it quits from the NSL.

Flounders, 33 in February, has several State League club playing options and should decide on one of those.

Santrac, who reaches 33 in June, will contemplate just what he wants to do as he tries to reduce his golf handicap.

"I have come through many hard times with City but through that I've made many friends inside and outside the club and I thank City for that," said Flounders.

"I want to continue playing and have had informal approaches from several clubs but there might be more interest now that this stage has been reached."

Santrac said the time to retire from the NSL was inevitable.

"But it still is sad," said the classy midfielder. "I have many memories and friends from my time at the club. I'll be taking some time now to think just what I want to do."

Club president Charlie Caruso congratulated the duo on their sterling service to City.

"The club was in diabolical trouble when we signed guys like Neville and Adrian. They helped us through two or three shaky years and went on to success with the club."

"We wish them success in their future career whatever it will be. If they choose some day to return to City in some capacity we would welcome them."

"We thank them for their contribution to the club, their team-mates and soccer in general."

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Academy improves in Youth League

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SYDNEY Academy piled on four goals in 15 minutes to gallop away 4-3 from a more experienced Apia Leichhardt Youth side at Lambert Park yesterday.

They seemed destined to score ten, but Apia were resilient and managed to come back with a Dave Batten hat trick.

It was only their second win of the season, but their success could be a sign that the team, otherwise known as St George Colts, is on the way up.

After a slow start the Colts have picked up nicely and it was a creditable result on Sunday.

The under 19 St George side did not let the grass grow under their feet at Barton Park, registering a sound 4-3 win over Parramatta Melita.

They overcame an early setback, only to see Melita draw level but eventually secured the points.

Shane Williams stole possession for Melita in the St George goalmouth in the 10th minute to put his side one goal up, with Jason Petrides taking the ball through from halfway for the equaliser five minutes later.

Darryl Ziederman made it 2-1 in the 25th with a smart turn in the box, and a fine 16 metre header by John McGregor in the 55th after a cross from the right by Petrides made the score 3-1.

The Eagles managed to claw their way back with goals from Williams, again, and Aldo Martinech.

It was left to Manny Spanoudakos with a 25 metre free kick, which penetrated the wall, to ultimately give the Saints both points. It was only Melita's second loss to date and they had conceded only three goals in six prior engagements.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH
Top Scorers as at 19.11.90

5 Stephen Corica (AIS)
4 David Batten (Leichhardt), Pablo Cardoso (Olympic)
3 Tony Velezki (Sydney Academy), Damien Smith (Adamstown), Dean Adamson (Highfields), John Kakakios, Daryl Ziederman, Shaun Freestone, Adam Clantar, Adam Poric, (all 3 of them St George)
2 Andrew Charlwood (Marconi), Ante Milicic (AIS), Alex Aravena (Melita), Glen Johnson (Marconi), Aldo Mattincoch (Melita), Steven Kacer (Adamstown), Nick Radecki (AIS), Sasha Dimoski (Wollongong City), Paul Searrant (Highfields), Gabriel Lopez (Marconi), Craig Penfold (Highfields), Mario Gonzalez (Croatia).



Pat Brodnik (left)

Sydney Olympic registered a 1-0 win at Marconi's expense at Bossley Park, with An Triantafylou netting in the 10th minute.

It was a game of missed chances, but the youngster took his goal well after receiving a ball from the right and tucking it past Mark Schwarzer in the Marconi goal.

Wollongong City overcame a spirited Highfields side at Brandon Park, with the 3-0 win coming in the space of an hour.

Danny Petkovic

found the net in the 16th and 44th, while suspended senior player Pat Brodnik got the third in the 60th.

Adamstown Rosebud players and supporters waited patiently until 6pm for the arrival of their opponents Wollongong Macedonia, who were an hour late for the 5.00 pm start.

This, apparently, unsettled the homeside who quickly conceded two goals to the visitors and although they pulled one back before halftime, they never

really recovered.

Their scorer was Rocco Degrandis

LEADING SCORERS:
7 David Batten (Apia Leichhardt)
5 Stephen Corica (AIS)
4 Pablo Cardoso (Sydney Olympic), Darryl Ziederman (St George),
Apia Leichhardt 3 (Bat-

ten 3) Sydney Academy 2 (Ilic 2, Tsekenis, M O'Shea), St George 4 (Petrides, Zeiderman, McGregor, Spanidakos) Parramatta Melita 3 (Williams 2 Martincich 1), Marconi 0 Sydney Olympic 1 (Triantafylou 1), Wollongong City 3 (Petkovic 2, Brodnik) Highfields Azzurri 0, Wollongong Macedonia 1 Adamstown Rosebud 1

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By J. Malcolm Simon & John A. Reeves

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Letter of the Week

GROUND LOCATIONS

I am writing to express my concern over the lack of information available as to the actual location of grounds of the National Soccer League and State League clubs.

Being a relative newcomer to Australia, and an avid soccer fan, I was of course interested in attending matches in and around the area that I presently live, but when looking through the newspapers and 'Australian Soccer Weekly' I was a bit disappointed at only being given information such as 'A v B at Joe Bloggs Reserve'.

Now as I said before, having not lived here for long, how was I to know where these grounds were?

More often than not I have turned up for a particular match only to

discover that I was in the totally the wrong place.

Would it be possible, since I didn't get any sort of reply to my predicament from the Victorian Soccer Federation, to publish a list of ground ADDRESSES ie, street name, area etc, and postal addresses, of the NSL and State League clubs of Vic, NSW, Qld etc in future publications.

This would help me, and I expect many other 'newcomers' to the Australian game, to be able to continue supporting the game that we all enjoy.

Graeme McGinty
Laverton, 3028,
Victoria

(We have been publishing NSL ground locations for the benefit of patrons — Ed)

National Youth League Southern Division Adelaide City shines

BY ROY HAY

ADELAIDE City opened up a three point gap at the top of the National Youth League (Southern Division) after a hard fought 2-1 victory over second-placed Preston at Hindmarsh Stadium on November 18.

It was a tight game with defences in command for most of the time.

Carlo Talladira maintained joint leadership of the goalscoring table with his seventh of the season and John Christopoulos got the other for Adelaide, with Louie Bekiaris replying for Preston.

A powerful South Melbourne Hellas side defeated Sunshine George Cross 5-0 at Middle Park.

Michael Michalakopoulos put Hellas on its way and Joe Palatsides added two more. Peter Tiktikakis and Danny Wright with a late penalty completed the scoring.

A notable feature of the seventh round was that the three bottom teams in the league all recorded wins, none better than Springvale City's first victory of the season against Heidelberg United at the Frank Holohan complex.

The game had everything, eight goals, a few scuffles, one red card and end-to-end action.

Nick Papadopoulos gave Heidelberg the lead after 25 minutes but when keeper Michael Chatzitrifonis was sent off after bringing down an opponent, Darren McClenaghan scored the first of his four goals.

Jason Ciccolatto made it two, but Papadopoulos equalised, then McClenaghan went on the rampage scoring three more interspersed by one from Peter Bordignon.

Northcote City surprised Altona Gate by

winning 3-2 at Paisley Park. Robert Georgievski scored in a goalmouth scramble for the home team, but Arthur Kokkinos equalised in similar fashion.

Zlate Markovski ran through the middle for Altona Gate, then a neat free-kick was headed home by Con Tsekouras. Substitute John Keranis scored the winner in the second half.

Melbourne Croatia returned to winning form with a 3-0 victory over South Melbourne Hellas Colts at Somers Street.

Denis Bergam is making a new career for himself as a goalscorer adding two to his tally and Anthony Grbac got one on his return after a period on loan to Bulleen.

Con Argirou got the only goal of the game for Caulfield City against Brighton at Princess Park. Caulfield just deserved its victory though Brighton fought the game out to the end.

Finally, Geelong City had a gutsy and exciting 3-2 win over Melbourne Croatia Colts at Stead Park, Corio.

Richie Black slotted home a Peter Stojanovski pass after two minutes for City, but John Ivleja replied for Colts a minute after the break.

Charles Fitzpatrick scored a short range goal when the keeper dropped the ball, but Jani Suric quickly replied for Colts.

Craig Plummer scored the winner from a lofted pass over the defence by Liam McCloskey.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUES Round 7

as at 18.11.90

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Sydney Olympic 3 (Sorras, Platiniolis, Cardozo) Sydney Croatia 3 (Badzaric, Gonzales o.g.), Marconi 1 (Messina) AIS 2 (Corica 2), Melita Eagles 0 Wollongong City 0, Highfields Azzurri 1 (Penfold) Adamstown Rosebuds 1 (Radford), Woll Macedonia 1 (Popovski) Apia Leichhardt 3 (Batten 2, Reds, Soper).

NORTHERN DIVISION

as at 25.11.90

P W D L F A Pts
St George BSC.....7 5 2 2 22 11 11
AIS.....6 5 1 0 13 5 11
Sydney Olympic.....8 3 4 1 18 7 10
Parramatta.....7 4 1 2 13 7 9
Highfields.....7 3 2 2 11 11 8
Wollongong C.....7 3 2 2 7 8 6
Sydney Croatia.....6 3 1 2 9 3 7
S.A.S.....6 2 1 3 6 8 5
Apia Leichhardt.....7 2 1 4 12 14 5
Marconi.....7 2 0 5 9 16 4
Melita Eagles.....6 4 1 1 10 3 11
Wollongong M.....7 1 1 5 4 14 11
Adamstown.....7 0 1 6 9 20 1

SOUTHERN DIVISION

P W D L F A Pts
St Melbourne Hellas 5 (Palatsides 2, Michalakopoulos, Tiktikakis, Wright) Sunshine

George Cross 0, Springvale City 5 (McClenaghan 4, Ciccolatto) Heidelberg United 3 (Papadopoulos 2, Bordignon), Melbourne Croatia 3 (Bergam 2, Grbac) South Melbourne Hellas Colts 0, Caulfield City 1 (Argirou) Brighton 0, Adelaide City 2 (Talladira, Christopoulos) Preston Macedonia 1 (Bekiaris), Altona Gate 2 (Georgievski, Markovski) Northcote City 3 (Tsekouras, Kokkinos, Keranis), Geelong City 3 (Black, Plummer, Fitzpatrick) Melbourne Croatia Colts 2 (Suric, Ivleja).

Carlo Talladira Adelaide City 7,
Nick Papadopoulos Heidelberg United 7,
Joe Barbaro Adelaide City 5,
Richard Milanovic Melbourne Croatia 5,
Janni Suric Melbourne Croatia Colts 5,
Michael Cattermole Sunshine George Cross 5.

— ROY HAY

Anissa tames the men

AUSTRALIAN women's soccer captain Anissa Tann put in a fine performance in the Celebrity Race as part of the Coca Cola Darling Harbour Mile on November 11.

Anissa left Canterbury-Bankstown rugby league stars Kevin Moore and Grant Raper well behind as she shot home in 6.37 minutes.

Also beaten by Anissa was Penthouse Pet Kelly Hall who came third in the recent run to the top of Sydney Tower.

Athletic's barefoot star Suzy Walsham was the natural winner in 5.12 minutes, she sensibly wore her "Hitec" this time however.

Manly Warringah rep goalkeeper Graeme Mahn showed that keepers could also run, finishing the mile in 5.49 mins.

Graeme was two seconds behind the Sportsforce race director and Forest Premier League soccer player, Mark Blythe.

The event was a great success and could be used to increase the profile of soccer players in the Celebrity Race next year.

Lane Cove runner Stuart Aikman was the fastest of the day with a time of 4.21 minutes.

Stuart and Elizabeth Rose, the female winner, won weekends at the luxury Fairmont Resort at Laura and some Sweeney Running Socks.

Ex-Liverpool player Ron Fowler put in a solid performance in the over



ANNISSA TAN

50s section, allowing most competitors to generously pass!

Little Frazer Dowling of Davidson and Fiona

Pakes of Wairoonga, took out the 8-11 age category and won family passes to Australia's Wonderland.

Illawarra District

Shellharbour invitation

HIGH rating Illawarra District club Shellharbour will hold a pre-Christmas "Free-for-All" at the Warilla Bowling Club on Friday, December 7 from 6pm.

All past senior players and their ladies are invited.

Ald Cec Glenholmes will be the guest of honour.

Club secretary Otto Bader has the hooks out for players interested in

joining Shellharbour for the 1991 season.

They will be able to have a chat with incoming coach Bob Fryer and manager Derek Bradburn.

With Fryer on the job, the club is aiming for a big 1991 season.

Training for the new season begins on Thursday, January 10 at 6pm.

The location will be next to the Warilla Bowling Club, and the club's change rooms will provide excellent amenities for the players.

The surface of the Barrack Heights Sportsfield is being continually improved, and the newly installed floodlights are a boon to players and spectators alike.

Shellharbour has over 150 juniors and the club is looking for more capable coaches to improve their abilities and bring them through to senior ranks.

— PHIL MARTIN

Joeys in South America

BY MARIO ETCHART



The Aussie under-17 touring party before departing for South America.

The Australian national U17 team left Sydney last Tuesday bound for Argentina and Chile.

In South America the Joeys will gain invaluable experience playing against local Argentinian and Chilean teams.

The tour kicked off in Buenos Aires with a match against Gimnasia y Esgrima.

The youngsters will then face the Chilean national U17 team in Santiago's Estadio Nacional and a return match in Vina del Mar.

These matches will be followed by several others, including Second Division club Calchagua and Universidad Catolica's youth squad as a curtain-raiser for the Chilean National League clash between Catolica and Wanderers on December 5.

Other games will be against the Colo Colo youth team while other possibilities include Universidad de Chile, Magallanes, O'Higgins

and Union Espanola, all of them in Chile.

Also in the touring party are Eddie Thomson, who is travelling as an observer, and AIS coach Steve O'Connor, whose mission is to arrange matches for the AIS in June 1991.

Coach Les Sheinflug told ASW before his departure that the Joeys

are a good all-round team with good balance in midfield and a very good sweeper and two brilliant strikers.

The squad was in camp twice for seven days and the players were selected during the youth championships, last August, by Tim White, Les Bee and Vic

Dalglish.

Eighteen players were selected by the youth coach from an initial squad of 40.

According to Sheinflug, the tour will be an excellent build-up for the next World Cup qualifiers to be held in New Zealand in January 1991.

New Hellas' boss promise

BY ALAN CLARK

NEW Hellas chief John Angelos will work hard to unify the club in its fight to regain a spot in the NSL.

Mr Angelos, a director of Sunview Corporation Pty Ltd, has been elected club president.

He leads an 11-man board which includes former president, Michael Aronis.

"I see one of my main tasks immediately to unify the club and

hope this is a new leaf turning over for Hellas," said Mr Angelos.

"I want the club to

improve its image and to build up our youth set-up which has been neglected somewhat."

Queensland Futsal off to a great start

A total of 234 goals have been scored in 17 games in what has been a very entertaining start to the Queensland Futsal State League competition.

Reigning champions Toombul and recently established Pine Rivers are, to date, the only clubs that remain undefeated in the League.

Runaway Bay, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Pine Rivers are all new entrants in the competition — pushing the total number of teams involved to ten.

While all teams have competed consistently, resulting in many games going down to the wire, there have also been some solid defeats.

Pine Rivers defeated fellow newcomers Gold Coast 13-1, while Chandler trounced a very young Logan City (2) 9-1.

Lincoln Conquest, a member of the Logan City (2) squad, is only 13 years old.

Leading scorer of

the competition thus far is Ringo Mejias of Toombul, who has netted a very impressive 20 goals after three games.

The Australian National Futsal Championships are to be staged in Canberra on January 26-28 next year.

Queensland will be defending titles in the All Age, U12 and U13 age groups, and competing in most other divisions.

October 1991 will see Brisbane host the Third Australian Masters Games.

In an attempt to attract the largest number of veteran soccer players ever to gather in Australia, the Australian Futsal Federation, together with the Queensland Futsal Association will be staging an Over 35s tournament.

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— DAVID SMEDLEY

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The Robert Wheatley Column

Georgakis fights back

When Steve Georgakis put pen to paper with Marconi in a \$23 000 transfer deal at the commencement of the 1990-91 NSL season he was optimistic that his career was entering a new phase.

The cruel twist however, was that his first appearance for the Fairfield-based club, in late September, pitted him against his former club Sydney Olympic in the Aerolineas Argentinas Cup. In a tackle with David Barrett he suffered damage to his knee that forced him out of that game and subsequently out of the first eight months

of this season.

That two month break from the game has not been a particularly enjoyable one for Georgakis.

After an U23 Australian tour in Europe, after Sydney Olympic's grand final success Steve played in four out of the five games under the watchful eye of Eddie Thomson and was confident of his return to the domestic league.

Steve's move to Marconi was swift and he left behind some great memories.

His absence from the grand final can be traced back into the season.

He recalls, "up to the 22nd game in the season I had been a regular member of the

starting lineup. I was then suspended and a reshuffle took place which remained unaltered until the trophy was lifted."

After a 1989 grand final loss to Marconi and not appearing in the final years main event, Steve described his move to Marconi as one that he, "...was very much looking forward to. It will give me an opportunity to develop my game and play with some very good players."

The road to recovery has been an arduous journey for Georgakis as he attempts to regain complete recovery from the knee damage and also to reach match fitness.

The program has been a harrowing one but he is more determined than ever to see his name on the team-sheet.

The daily routine begins at his home near Lambert Park and his first stop is Bondi where daily physiotherapy is undertaken.

He then travels to Sydney University to continue his Human Movement course.

The final exams for second year have just been completed and this is a load off Steve's plate.

The trip from University to the Marconi club assures him of a 120 kilometre daily routine which sees him in the weights room for up to an hour and a half.

The three to four nights a week in the gym have proved successful and he has now added straight line running to his program with occasional twists and turns to progressively test the strength of the knee capsule.

The signs from his own physiotherapist together with medical staff at the club and coach Berti Mariani are all positive and a return to U19's is imminent.

An ankle injury in 1988 robbed Steve of over half a season so he is no stranger to the sacrifices endured by long term injury.

The major priority after his reconditioning this year is obviously to play again but he should also keep in mind that anything but a full return to fitness could be a further obstacle for the twenty-three year old.

His main concern is to get active and eventually make his initial appearance in Marconi colours.

His dedication to regain peak fitness suggests he has what it takes.

— VINCE BALZAN

WOMEN

Anissa Tann joins new North Rocks club



VINCE BALZAN

MAUREEN Swan, the administrator of the newly formed North Rocks Womens' State League Soccer team, announced an exciting initiative in the game for the 1991 season.

The club has acquired the services as player-coach the Australian womens soccer captain, Anissa Tann.

Swan said that Tann would head the coaching staff and will be assisted by Vince Balzan and John Pentecost.

The club feels it is essential that with a large number of young players it has a positive role model, in both playing and coaching.

Already a number of NSW's most talented young players have shown a keen interest in joining the club.

Also female Socceros Alison Forman and Linda Hughes are considering moving to Sydney to play in the WSL and have agreed

to play for North Rocks, if they move to Sydney.

Swan said that coaching was the essential ingredient to the success of female soccer.

"As many females take up the game late, it is vital that they learn the game in an enjoyable and purposeful manner".

The coaching staff is very experienced — Tann is a Level 2 coach who has worked with the NSW ASF as a Development Officer and has assisted National Youth Coach Jim Selby with his Youth Camp at the AIS.

Balzan is a Level 3 coach who was assistant to David Lee in the 1990 Youth Championships, and Pentecost was the coach of the winning 1990 Womens Youth state team.

For those who are interested in seeing what North Rocks has to offer, they will be holding a session on November 30 at 7pm at North Rocks Park.

— VINCE BALZAN



Liverpool Olympic women's team has representation at both state and international level. Radelle Stark, Justine Fischer, Michelle Rayner, Sharon Young, Kim Schaefer and Amanda Sherrin, have represented NSW in 1990. The selection of Kim Schaefer and Sharon Young in the Senior Australian team and Amanda Sherrin and Justine Fischer in the Youth Squad is an indication of the standard of the Olympic team.



Liverpool Olympic women's reserve grade contested a fairly even grand final against Epping Eastwood. After a missed penalty and several clear cut chances at goal, substitute Belinda Sherrin headed the ball home for a well deserved win.

Historical year for women ahead

THE Australian senior women's team went into camp at the AIS last week to prepare for the most important year in the history of the sport in this country.

On a crowded agenda for 1991 is an international series with Swedish champion Malmo, the World Cup qualifying competition in Australia in May and, if successful, the cup finals in China next November.

Players attending include Julie Murray (ACT) and Carol Vinson (NSW), back from 10 months playing semi-professional soccer in Europe, while Victorians Debbie Nichols and Jane Oakley will miss the camp because of injury.

The full list is Michelle Sawyers, Sharon Wass, Tanya Corbett, Kaylene Janssen (Queensland), Janine McPhee, Alison Forman, Moya Dodd, Carol Vinson, Anissa Tann, Kim



STEVE DARBY

Schaefer, Traci Bartlett, Lisa Dunn, Sharon Young, Janine Ridington, Katrina Boyd, Kaye Yardin (NSW), Carolyn Monk (Victoria), Julie Murray, Angela Ianotta (ACT), Linda Hughes (Northern NSW), Tracey Wheeler (Western Australia), Sonia Gegenhuber (South Australia). Coach, Steve Darby; assistant, Peter Wingrove; manager, Mari-Louise Agius; physiotherapist, Andrew Young.

— GRAHAM COOKE

NSW Soccer Academy Welcomes trialists

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BOOK OF THE WEEK

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO YOUTH SOCCER

By Carolyn J Mullins Ph.D

In Australia, the parents of most young soccer layers find themselves in a unique situation. Unlike most games and sports, which maintain themselves in part by being passed from parent to child, Australian soccer is growing by being passed from child to parent!

This book is for the parents of soccer players everywhere. Many of you didn't play the sport as children, so this book tells what equipment to get and how to help your child develop

basic soccer skills, how to protect his or her physical and mental health, and how to support the soccer coach's work. To help you understand the coach's role in your child's life, the book explains both recreational and competitive soccer.

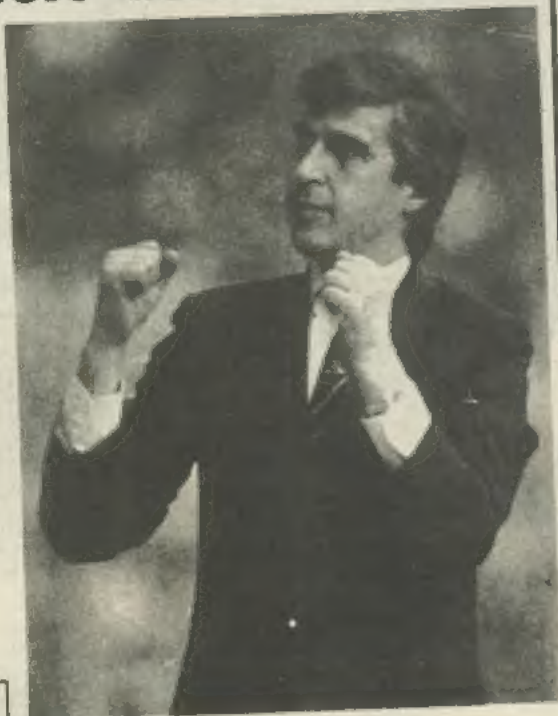
To help you understand the game, included is a description of the field, lists of resources, and a discussion of rules and officials. An appendix tells how to start a team and organise a youth program.

Spurs boss faces action over Robert Maxwell deal

TOTTENHAM Hotspur chairman Irving Scholar faces legal action over his secret talks with media tycoon Robert Maxwell concerning a controversial loan to the London club.

The English First Division club, whose shares have been suspended at \$1.30 on the London Stock Exchange, wrote to shareholders pointing out that Scholar had breached the Companies Act by failing to disclose Maxwell's \$2.8 million loan through a company owned by the Spurs chairman.

The letter was based on a report into the affair by lawyers



IRVING SCHOLAR

Ashurst Morris Crisp, who also disclosed that Scholar broke Stock Exchange rules and the Tottenham's articles of association.

The Exchange joined in the criticism of Scholar by slamming his behaviour over the \$2.5 million loan from his Holborn Property Company to the club.

They said in a statement said: "We are critical of the conduct of Irving Scholar and the Tottenham board.

"In particular, the Panel of the Committee on Quotations is of the opinion that the conduct of Mr Scholar, as to the manner in which he dealt with the loan transactions, the underwriting letter and confidentiality undertakings did not meet the standard expected from a director of a listed company."

The Exchange says Scholar should have told the Tottenham board the nature and terms of the loan, and

that it needed the approval of the company's shareholders.

"It is unacceptable for the board not to have had adequate procedures to ensure decisions were taken on a fully informed basis," they added.

The Stock Exchange will only lift its suspension in Spurs' shares after Tottenham have issued a further circular to shareholders to include the financial results to May 31, 1990 and a satisfactory statement of how Tottenham's future working capital requirements will be provided.

Tottenham's acting chairman Douglas Alexiou, who took over when Scholar resigned recently as a director of the public company while remaining the football club chairman, said the Stock Exchange censure was taken very seriously.

He added: "We would like to put it all behind us now, look to the future and put our house in order."

Bulgarian President under fire

LAST spring Milan Tepavichov was voted President of the Bulgarian Football Union and considered the right man for the job in most quarters.

Now the whole country's football world awaits his departure.

He seemed the man to lead Bulgarian soccer out of its latest crisis.

Now he is the recipient of an open letter from newspapers, signed by over 100 players and broadcast on television, demanding resignation.

He is accused of incompetence, inability to resolve Bulgarian football's problems, manipulation of his election and bringing in staff without any idea or knowledge of how to run the sport.

He also is held responsible by the open letter's authors for the chaos in Division Two and Three following various contradictory decrees.

There is also a barely hidden threat of less pleasant ways which might be adopted to remove President Tapavichov if he does not go of his own free will, and soon.

STIELIKE'S SIZZLING SWITZERLAND

THE Swiss national side, which in recent games has often promised more than it could deliver, has at last strung together a highly successful run which is a good sign for the future.

Manager Uli Stielike has done a fine job so far, yet the German is still not satisfied: "We are still third class but now on the way to becoming second class", he says.

The former world star can count himself fortunate to have found a classy midfield with three men from the same club, the champions Grasshoppers, namely Thomas Bickel (27), Marcel Koller (30) and Alain Sutter (22).

They combine well and form the right blend of fighters and technicians.

The Turkish-born striker Kubilay Turkylmaz is a dangerous finisher, while the experience is provided by the veteran midfielder Heinz Hermann



Brazilian ace Silas in action for his new Italian club Cesena against Torino. The ex-Sporting Lisbon midfielder scored a goal in his debut. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

UEFA won't tolerate walkie-talkie loophole

THE European Football Union (UEFA) is considering forbidding the use of walkie-talkies by soccer trainers who have been banned from the touchline for disciplinary reasons.

"We are aware of this use of high technology to circumvent what is a punishment for misbehaviour. It is a loophole that should be closed and we are examining it," UEFA's control and disciplinary committee spokesman Rene Eberle said.

Eberle was responding to a report that Swiss coach Uli Stielike intended to use a custom-built walkie-talkie after being banned from the pitch for three internationals.

Stielike, a former German World Cup player, was banned for persistent protests about refereeing decisions during his side's 2-1 defeat against Scotland in Glasgow in October.

The Swiss Football Association has appealed against the ban.

Eberle confirmed the ban included all access to the field and the team's dressing room.

Stielike has said he would talk to his players before the matches and during the breaks on his walkie-talkie.

Hooliganism crack-down

THE British Government has stepped up its campaign to eradicate football hooliganism with the announcement of four new criminal offences.

These will ban the throwing of missiles, chanting obscene and racist abuse, going on to the pitch without reasonable excuse and selling tickets on the day of a match without the authority of the home club.

Home Secretary David Waddington told the House of Commons that the legislation would be introduced as soon as parliamentary time permits.

Creation of the new offences was first suggested in Lord Justice Taylor's report on the Hillsborough disaster and football safety.



Sheffield United's Brian Deane comes out on top in this encounter with Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe during their scoreless English League tie.

Souness warned

GLASGOW Rangers manager Graeme Souness was reprimanded by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) after breaching a touchline ban for the third time.

He joined his team on the Hampden Park pitch for a lap of honour following their Scottish League Cup final victory over Celtic last month.

The former Scotland international was first banned from the touchline 18 months ago, and six months later he was banned for a further two years and fined \$12,000 after he was spotted bellowing orders to his team from the players' tunnel.

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Bayern Munich's Jurgen Kohler gets a flying header away in a Bundesliga tie against Bayer Leverkusen.

English clubs learn bitter Cup lesson

ENGLISH soccer clubs cannot go back into European competition expecting the same supremacy it enjoyed before they were banned, according to Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish.

They still have some catching up to do.

After Aston Villa had a 2-0 advantage overturned by Italy's Inter Milan and Dalglish said the two games showed the gulf between the domestic game and the two-leg system mastered by the top European teams.

"Villa were up against a very good side," Dalglish said after Inter Milan's 3-0 victory.

"They may have been expected to go through but this result shows there is a major difference between how you play at home and how you are allowed to play away."

Before English clubs were banned because of crowd violence, Liverpool were among those Euro-masters.

But because its fans were responsible for the riot that killed 38

people at the 1985 Champions Cup final against Italy's Juventus at Brussel's Heysel Stadium, it has to stay on the sidelines despite being England's champion.

Villa, runner-up to Liverpool in the league, and domestic cup winner Manchester United were allowed back this season as a reflection of improved fan behaviour in English soccer.

"We are disappointed that we are not back in European competition yet and we look forward to the time when we are," Dalglish said.

British reports are hopeful that Liverpool, originally banned for an extra three seasons, may return next year although a UEFA officials said nothing had been decided.

First-ever points deductions

THE English Football Association in an unprecedented measure have deducted two championship points from Arsenal and one from Manchester United following a mass brawl on the pitch last month.

The First Division clubs, who clashed at Old Trafford on October 20, were also fined \$127,130 each by the FA and warned about their future conduct.

"Both charges of breaches of the rules have been proved against both clubs," FA chief executive Graham Kelly said after the five-man disciplinary commission meeting in London.

"In reaching its decision, the commission recognised action taken by the clubs against individual players and took into account the previous record of the clubs," Kelly said.

The heavy fines were expected but the deduction of points by the FA was new to English soccer and came as a major blow.



George Graham with Arsenal's 1988/89 trophies.

Arsenal took measures of their own after the televised brawl at Old Trafford, fining five players and deducting two weeks' wages from manager George Graham.

United said they had

also fined three unnamed players sums of around \$12,200 each.

The five-man FA commission studied video evidence before hearing from match officials and both clubs.

NEW ROMANIAN COACH

THE Romanian Federation have named Mircea Radulescu as their new national coach.

He replaces Gheorghe Constantin who quit earlier this month after only 11 weeks.

Constantin resigned after Romania suffered two defeats in European championship qualifying matches.

They lost 2-1 to Scotland and 3-0 to Bulgaria.

Meanwhile, Romania have imposed new restrictions on international transfers to slow down the exodus of players which they fear is bleeding the country of talent.

Clubs would be allowed to transfer only two players abroad per year under new rules coming into force this weekend, Federation president Mircea Sandu said.

"The new measures are intended to act as a barrier to the massive outflow of Romanian players," Sandu said.

Players who were transferred must be at least 28 years old and have played 40 international matches for either the national A



team, the national youth team, the Olympic side or for a club in one of the European cup competitions.

The Federation have scrapped a provision that players who did not meet the age limit and number of international appearances could still move abroad if the fee exceeded \$2.4 million.

A dozen top-class Romanian players have gone abroad since the collapse of Communism last December, bringing the country some \$14 million.

Sandu said the toll of the exodus had been evident in the first leg of the second round of the European club competitions last month when three Romanian teams suffered crushing defeats.

Another French scandal

THE promotions director of the French Federation has been charged with fraud as part of a spreading scandal which is considered one of the worst-ever in French sports.

Jean-Claude Darmon, credited with helping the Federation boost its profits dramatically in recent years, was charged by a Marseille judge in connection with an investigation of alleged fraud by officials of the Toulon First Division team.

He also was charged in connection with alleged financial abuses by 12 companies under his control. The firms handle publicity and television contracts for 12 First Division teams, as well as for several other sports.

Darmon was allowed to remain free on bail of \$260,000.

"L'Equipe", the national sports daily, said it was threatening France's 1998 World Cup bid.

The president of the French Federation, Jean Fourret-Fayard, told reporters: "The future of French soccer is at stake."

He pledged to support a thorough investigation.

According to fraud squad investigators, Darmon is suspected of having personally paid the salaries of some soccer players through secret funds that were not reported for tax purposes.

The result, investigators allege, is that Darmon was able to negotiate favorable publicity contracts with the clubs because he saved them salary costs.

Last month, eight directors of the Toulon



club were questioned by police about suspected financial improprieties, and two were jailed briefly.

Investigators alleged that team officials pocketed some of the money obtained through the dozens of players sales in recent years.

Toulon has been in the First Division for seven seasons, and has made more than 80 player transactions during the span.

Earlier this year, another First Division team, St Etienne, also was rocked by a financial scandal.

Executives, as well as present and former players — including current national team coach Michel Platini — were convicted of benefiting from a secret slush fund intended to help them evade taxes.

Most of the defendants, including Platini, were fined.

The Bordeaux club, meanwhile, is under investigation by the Federation because of complaints that the mayor improperly supported the team with public funds.



Diego Maradona in action against Spartak Moscow. The Soviets eliminated Napoli in Round 2 of the European Champions' Cup.

Holland 2 Greece 0

HOLLAND gained two valuable points in their defense of the European Championship when they defeated Greece in their qualifying match in Rotterdam last Wednesday.

The Dutch went to an early lead with goals from Bergkamp (7th minute) and Marco van Basten (18th minute).

This was Holland's first win in the group after losing their opener 1-0 to Portugal in Lisbon a months ago.



Jan Ellerman of PSV (left) and Wischge of Ajax vie for possession as their clubs clashed in the Dutch league match at the summit, won 3-1 by defending champions Ajax.

UEFA crackdown

The Union of European Football Associations has announced misconduct sanctions against more than 30 European clubs, associations and players.



DINAMO BUCHAREST

The move was UEFA's latest attempt to pressure both fans and players to behave better.

The imposed fines totalled more than \$312,000.

Most penalised the throwing of firecrackers and other spectator misconduct.

The stiffest fine — \$42,000 — was slapped on Porto for team behaviour in the October 24 Champions' Cup match against Dinamo Bucharest which ended in a 0-0 draw.

Bucharest, which hosted the game, was fined \$38,000.



PORTO

It was also ordered to pay \$16,000 for the throwing of objects on the field.

Inter Milan also was

fined \$16,000 for fans who threw firecrackers in the October 24 UEFA Cup game it lost to host Aston Villa 2-0.

Ferencvaros of Budapest drew a \$A26,000 fine for the UEFA Cup game against Brondby which was won by the Danish hosts 3-0.

It has to pay another \$14,000 for fan rowdiness which required police intervention.

A total of 14 coaches and players were banned from one or several



BRONDBY

UEFA-organised competitions.

Dutch coach Nol de Ruiter was among those most penalised, banned from four national team games for "repeated protests and gesturing at the referee" during the Under 21 European championship game against Portugal on October 16.

Banned from four UEFA club games were William Caskey of Glentoran FC for spit-



FERENCVAROS

ting at an opponent during the Champions' Cup match against Steaua of Bucharest on October 4.

The same sanction hit Tibor Selymez of Dinamo Bucharest for physically attacking an opponent in the October 24 match against Porto.

Players banned for one game included Fernando Munoz of Barcelona, Herbert Waas of FC Bologna, Stephane Planque of Bordeaux and Stephen Paille of Porto, UEFA said.



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A spectacular shot of Monaco's Liberian international striker George Weah using his head. He will be one of the French club's main hopes in the UEFA Cup against Torpedo Moscow on November 28.

Around the globe

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- Bora Milutinovic is the hot tip to coach the US World Cup team in 1994 when the Americans host the finals. The Yugoslav coach led Mexico to the quarter-finals of the 1986 World Cup and, under his guidance, the Costa Ricans were one of the revelations of Italia '90.
- The Egyptian First Division match between Ismailia and Mahallah ended in a riot. Two people were killed and 57 injured when police intervened to separate rival fans.
- Juventus' promising striker Casiraghi is out for six weeks after undergoing knee surgery.
- Belenenses have sacked Belgian coach Henri Depireux. His successor at the ailing club is Brazilian Antonio Lopes.
- Brazilian defender Branco has denied persistent reports he was leaving Portugal's FC Porto for Genoa of Italy.
- Benfica's high-scoring Swedish international striker Mats Magnusson, sidelined since injuring himself at Italia '90, should resume training with his Portuguese team in four weeks.
- FC Rosenborg have won the Norwegian championship-cup double. It is the third double for the club from Trondheim, all under the same coach, Nils Arne Eggen.
- Ronald Koeman is expected to miss the rest of the season after rupturing his Achilles tendon in the Barcelona v Atletico Madrid Spanish league match — a huge blow for Barca and for the Dutch national team.
- Former Benfica star Alberto Da Costa Pereira has died in Lisbon of acute hepatitis at the age of 60. Costa Pereira was the goalkeeper of the Benfica side that dominated European club soccer with Real Madrid in the early 1960s. The Mozambique-born Pereira played 27 times for Portugal. His funeral was attended by 2000 mourners.
- Sean Connolly, a 41-year-old former public servant, is the new secretary of the Irish FA. He replaces Dr Tony O'Neill, who has joined University College Dublin as director of sport.
- CONCACAF, the Football Confederation of North and Central America, will organise a regional championship on the lines of the European Championship every two years.
- The fraud squad is investigating the affairs of Belgian First Division club Beerschot after allegations of a \$1.3 million tax dodge.
- South and North Korea have qualified as Asia's representatives for the 1991 Youth World Cup in Portugal.
- Fifty eight Steaua Bucharest fans asked for political asylum in France after accompanying their team to Montpellier for the first leg of the European Cup-Winners' Cup. Another 12 Romanians had stayed behind in Ireland when Steaua played St Patricks in the first round.
- Ladislao Kubala will earn \$160,000 a year until the Barcelona Games as coach of the Spanish Olympic team.
- Real Zaragoza have sacked their temperamental Paraguayan goalkeeper, Jose Luis Chilavert.
- The huge Philips multinational does not only sponsor its compatriots from PSV. The Eindhoven-based giant now also sponsors Colombian club Cristal Caldas to the tune of \$300,000 a season.
- US international midfielder Philip Gyau has signed for Belgian competition leaders Ghent. He is the eighth member of the US World Cup squad to join a foreign club.
- Italian club Pisa is negotiating with Dinamo Zagreb for Costa Rican striker Hernan Medford, one of the revelations of Italia '90. Fellow-Costa Rican Ronald Gonzalez may also leave Croatia to join Servette, of Switzerland.
- Montpellier's Colombian international, Carlos Valderrama, has denied Spanish press reports that he would sign for Valladolid in the new year.
- Sankt Pauli's Czechoslovak international midfielder Ivo Knoflicek is out of action until at least February after suffering an unexplained nervous breakdown during his team's Bundesliga match against Hertha Berlin.
- FC Koln have released Argentine striker Dario Decoud after an unsuccessful two-month trial. Decoud has joined River Plate.
- Rene Houseman, the Argentine striker who starred in the early 70s, has fallen on hard times. He has been in and out of clinics to fight alcoholism for the past five years.
- Hajduk Split have signed United States World Cup midfielder Desmond Armstrong. He is the first foreign player to join the struggling Croatian club.
- Egli Olsen is the new coach of the Norwegian national team, replacing Ingvar Sadheim.